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Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee:

I am pleased to submit this letter affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the 2017 Unity College STARS submission.

As you know, Unity College is a leader in both academic sustainability science and sustainability of campus operations. We are proud of our previous rating as STARS Gold in 2014 and the further progress we have made in operations, engagement, administration, and curriculum over the past three years. The data in this report are a comprehensive summary of our ongoing commitment to sustainability.

Unity College maintains a national reputation for being the first college in the US to divest its endowment from fossil fuels. Our focus has continued to be on divesting our campus infrastructure from fossil fuels, as well as reducing waste, and institutionalizing sustainability across all functional areas. Over the past three years, we reduced campus-wide energy intensity despite significant infrastructure growth, and we dramatically increased our solid waste diversion rate. These initiatives are part of a strategic plan approved by the trustees that includes becoming carbon neutral by 2025. I elevated sustainability leadership by creating a Chief Sustainability Officer position that has an equal seat among senior staff. The sustainability portfolio was then augmented to include campus dining, event services, and our farm and agricultural research station, ensuring strategic sustainability leadership over these important functional areas. In 2016 we launched distinctive online graduate programs including a Master's in Professional Science in Sustainability Science, and, this year, a Sustainable MBA.

I don't have to tell you that Unity College – a college dedicated 100% to sustainability in all our programs – plays a unique role in preparing leaders for a sustainable generation by providing students the tools to participate in the green economy of the 21st century.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or comments.

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President