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Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear AASHE STARS Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit this letter affirming the accuracy of the information provided in the 2018 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 2017 and the further progress we have made in operations, engagement, administration, and curriculum over the past year. 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 year, we maintained low normalized campus-wide energy intensity, and we increased our sustainability curricular offerings through online graduate programs and certificates. We also institutionalized purchasing guidelines for sustainably source foods, and we have continued or added new community partnerships that support the awareness and preparedness of our region in the face of climate change. These initiatives are part of a strategic plan approved by the trustees that includes becoming carbon neutral by 2025.

My leadership team and I are passionate about the College's 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.

In Unity

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