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Ms. Meghan Fay Zahniser Executive Director Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education 2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102 Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dear Ms. Zahniser,

On behalf of Susquehanna University, I am pleased to submit our inaugural STARS report. I affirm that the information contained within is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Susquehanna is proud of its historic and ongoing commitment to sustainability. The university has been on the forefront of LEED-certified construction in our region, including residence halls, the science center, and the recently completed Admissions building. Our coal fired steam plant was retired in 2014, substantially reducing our carbon emissions. This spring, we are delighted to announce the construction of a 3 megawatt solar array on campus that will generate at least 30% of our electricity needs.

Susquehanna's commitment to sustainability is formalized in the University's strategic plan. The STARS process will continue to serve as a practical, structured framework for our campus community to assess all aspects of sustainability, and will provide us with a roadmap toward further improvements. The University's recently hired Sustainability Coordinator and Sustainability Committee will work with faculty, staff, and students to advance sustainability in our curriculum, engagement, operations, and planning.

We are grateful for AASHE's leadership in developing the STARS tool and look forward to how it will help us monitor and enhance our sustainability efforts.

Yours ever

Jonathan D. Green

President