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Dear STARS Community:

It is with great pleasure that Northeastern University submits our first STARS report for a rating to demonstrate and track our progress towards sustainability. As a signatory to the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment in 2007, the university has spearheaded several climate and sustainability initiatives on campus.

- 1. We have reduced our carbon footprint by 27% since 2005.
- 2. Our Boston campus is certified as a Level II Arboretum with over 1,400 individual trees.
- 3. Our forthcoming EXP research building is seeking LEED Platinum.
- 4. Northeastern has made sustainability a key pillar of its research enterprise, and our faculty members are consistently producing cutting-edge work in this domain.
- 5. We are developing a Climate Justice Action Plan in partnership with frontline communities in Boston.

We are happy with the progress we've made towards sustainability and climate action. We look forward to using STARS to help us share best practices and advance our goals.

Sincerely.

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