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RE: Western Washington University STARS Report Submission

Since establishing the nation's first interdisciplinary College of the Environment in 1969, Western Washington University has been an impactful leader in many areas of sustainability throughout our region. Our current STARS submission reflects a continued commitment to integrating environmental, social, economic, health and wellbeing considerations into our academic, operational, planning, and administrative practices. This report highlights several initiatives that demonstrate Western's sustainability efforts to include:

- Western's programs that engage students in a broad spectrum of campus and community practice-oriented learning opportunities related to social equity, ecological protection, economic vitality, and health and wellbeing,
- Western's Sustainability, Equity, and Justice Grant Program, which funds projects and programs that positively impact environmental, social, health, and economic practices on our campus and in our community, and
- Western's new Kaiser Borsari Hall, which is the first publicly funded zero-energy academic building on a university campus in our state.

While Western has a long tradition of sustainability efforts, including the incorporation of sustainability into our strategic plan and the adoption of our Sustainability Action Plan in 2017, this STARS submission has helped us determine where to focus future efforts in making our campuses more sustainable. Our President's Sustainability Council is in the process of developing a set of sustainability priorities for the next five years, based on our Sustainability Action Plan and STARS 3.0. One of Western's main goals is to achieve a gold rating in our next STARS submission.

Western has been part of AASHE's STARS assessment framework since its inception in 2007. We are pleased to have contributed to the creation of this assessment framework and respectfully present our updated STARS submission as both a reflection of our progress and a reaffirmation of our commitment to grow and demonstrate leadership in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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