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Paul Rowland, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Rowland:

Middlebury College has long valued the role that higher education can play in creating a more sustainable future. From founding the first undergraduate environmental studies program in the country in 1965 to its recent commitment to become carbon neutral by 2016, Middlebury has strived to make sustainability a systemic aspect of all the College's enterprises. We are proud of our leadership in this area, and we will continue to look for new ways of creating a more sustainable world.

As we move forward in this work, we look for useful tools to help us along our way. STARS is one of those tools. We are pleased to have participated as a pilot school in the development of this exceptional resource, and believe it will help college and universities assess their sustainability strengths and opportunities, and guide their strategic thinking and action.

It is with pleasure that I submit our first official STARS report as a Charter institution and affirm that it is an accurate reflection of the steps Middlebury has taken to make sustainability a part of the culture and character of the College. Our submission supports our rating as a gold STARS institution, and the report will guide our sustainability efforts going forward.

Thanks to AASHE for creating STARS and providing a great resource to support our efforts and those of many other educational institutions.

Sincerely,

Ronald D. Liebowitz