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Dear Review Team,

On behalf of Frostburg State University, I am pleased to submit our latest sustainability self-assessment through AASHE STARS.

Through the data provided in this assessment, you will see that Frostburg has made sustainability a high priority and significant part of our institutional culture. Our students consider sustainability important enough to have recently implemented a new mandatory fee that funds campus sustainability projects ranging from tree plantings to students attending national conferences to installing water bottle filling stations. Other institutional initiatives include our interdisciplinary sustainability studies minor; our annual Focus Frostburg event, a day-long series of workshops and presentations on sustainability issues; and our new LEED Gold-certified Gira Center for Communications and Information Technology. The President's Advisory Council on Sustainability, a campus wide team of students, faculty and staff, directs our sustainability initiatives, guided by our Climate Action Plan created in 2009.

FSU continues to gain attention as an environmental leader in higher education, thanks to the dedication of our campus and community. Since becoming a charter signatory of the American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment (ACUPCC) in 2007, Frostburg has been named a "Cool School" by the Sierra Club's *Sierra* magazine. We have been designated a Tree Campus USA for meeting standards for sustainable campus forestry standards for five consecutive years. FSU was also recognized for its commitment to sustainability and environmental education with a Second Nature's Second Annual Climate Leadership Award for Institutional Excellence in Climate Leadership. Our University has been listed in the Princeton Review's Guide to Green Colleges for multiple years. These recognitions reflect Frostburg's strong commitment to sustainability in the areas of leadership, academics and infrastructure.

Many thanks to AASHE for their advocacy and support on behalf of the urgent issues of climate change and sustainability.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ronald Nowaczyk'.

Dr. Ronald Nowaczyk
President