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Dear AASHE,

Please accept this letter as affirmation that the attached STARS Report is an accurate summary of Slippery Rock University’s sustainability initiatives and results to date. Since the signing of the President’s Climate Commitment in 2009, SRU has included specific sustainability goals, action steps, and metrics in preparing our University Strategic Plan, “Reaching for 2025 and Beyond,” and completion of a detailed Climate Action Plan.

We have also established a President’s Commission on Sustainability that represents a true cross section of our entire community and an Office of Sustainability that oversees and coordinates all sustainability activities on campus. While we are proud of our STARS score, we recognize that we have much more work to do in achieving carbon neutrality by the year 2037.

Our highest commitment is preparing Slippery Rock University graduates to be engaged and active leaders in using natural resources efficiently, identifying environmental problems and contributing their energies and talents within their professions and communities to find solutions. We are committed to preparing agents of change for practical, long-term sustainability.

Best regards,

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President