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Sustainability is integral to Northeastern's approach to discovery, learning, and how we operate our campuses. Along with health and security, it is one of the three pillars of our research enterprise. Its themes and solutions inform a wide and interdisciplinary part of our educational programming. Through LEED-certified buildings and other efforts, it is integrated into our campus designs and operating procedures.

We also understand that the success of our sustainability initiatives depends on the strength of our partnerships, which is why I am pleased to welcome you to Boston for the AASHE 2023 Conference and Expo. The ideas you exchange here, the knowledge you foster, and the networks you establish are essential to answering the grand challenge of climate change.

Fifteen years ago, Northeastern was a founding member of the 2007 American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment. Today, we are at a critical juncture in which we need the innovation and engagement of our entire community to create a sustainable future. I am truly pleased that you are joining us at AASHE 2023 to advance this important work. You have my very best wishes for a productive and successful conference.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Aoun

President, Northeastern University