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## Federal Funding Policy Update

**Urgent Action Required**

March 2009

Dear ,

Right now we have an opportunity to secure funding in the FY10 federal budget for the new University Sustainability Program at the Department of Education. This funding will enable colleges and universities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, increase energy efficiency, equip their students and faculty with the knowledge to address climate change, and engage in other crucial activities to create a healthier and more sustainable society. Many of you worked with us last year to get this program included in the reauthorized Higher Education Act, and now we need your support to ensure funds are appropriated for this new and vital program.

### Action Request

1. **Sign on to our [joint letter to Congress](#)** requesting an FY10 appropriation, by simply responding in the positive to this email by March 23, 2009. 120 presidents and chancellors, including many of you, have already signed on. If for some reason you no longer want your name on this letter, please let us know by responding to this email by March 23, 2009.
2. **Reach out to your Congressional delegation by Monday, March 23rd**, asking them to co-sign the "[Dear Colleague](#)" letter, being circulated now by Congressmen Blumenauer and Ehlers, in support of the University Sustainability Program. Every congressional co-signer counts, and we have identified a list of [key target members of Congress](#) (with their aids' contact information) that we think are likely to respond positively.

Thank you as always for your help; these funds will make a significant difference to you campus sustainability efforts, particularly in fulfilling the [American College & University Presidents' Commitment](#). With your support, we can push this ball over the goal line and get the University Sustainability Program funded.

Warm regards,

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## The Campaign for Environmental Literacy

Advocating for Federal Funding for Education for Sustainability

[Second Nature](#) is a key partner of the [Campaign for Environmental Literacy](#), advocating for significantly increasing the amount of federal funding dedicated to environmental literacy. Currently, our primary focus is on lobbying for:

- Appropriation of funding for the [University Sustainability Program of the Higher Education Sustainability Act](#), which provides **\$50 million** for sustainability curricula, practices, and academic programs.
- Appropriation of funding for the [Grants and Loans to Institutional Entities for Energy Sustainability and Efficiency Program of the American Energy Independence and Security Act](#), which provides **\$750 million** for colleges, public schools, and local government energy efficiency improvements and testing new techniques in energy efficiency and sustainable energy production.
- Introduction of the Education for a Green Economic Recovery Act, which would direct up to **\$4 billion** of funding toward climate change education.

[Second Nature](#) has committed to providing opportunity alerts to the higher education community to enable it to effectively lobby for federal funding for education for sustainability initiatives. For more information, see the [Second Nature Federal Education for Sustainability Funding Advocacy web page](#) and/or the [Campaign for Environmental Literacy](#) web sites.



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