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Second Nature Supports the Higher Education Sustainability Act

Boston, Massachusetts (November 25, 2019) - Second Nature stands in support of the Higher Education Sustainability Act ([S.2928](#)) introduced last week by U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and co-sponsored by Senators Jacky Rosen (D-NV), Cory Booker (D-NJ), and Jeff Merkley (D-OR) so far. S.2928 calls for the expansion of sustainability initiatives on higher education campuses, and would reauthorize the University Sustainability Program (USP). Second Nature helped get the original version of this bill included in the Higher Education Act in 2008. It received an appropriation of \$5 million in FY2010, but has not received funding since then.

As colleges and universities continue to accelerate climate action on their campuses and in their communities, support from programs such as the University Sustainability Program and the Higher Education Act, is vital to those efforts. As an organization that supports the higher education sector's acceleration of climate action through initiatives such as the [Climate Leadership Network](#), and [The Presidents' Climate Leadership Commitments](#), Second Nature has been a long-time advocate for the USP.

"We know that there is urgency to accelerate climate solutions and that higher education has some of the longest-standing commitments to take action," said Second Nature President Tim Carter. "The Higher Education Sustainability Act helps institutions expand their pursuit of possible solutions to society's grand challenges."

About Second Nature

Second Nature is committed to accelerating climate action in, and through, higher education. This is accomplished by mobilizing a diverse array of higher education institutions to act on bold climate commitments, to scale campus climate initiatives, and to create innovative climate solutions. Second Nature aims to align, amplify, and bridge the sector's efforts with other global leaders to advance urgent climate priorities. Secondnature.org.

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