Americans by giving them the knowledge and skills to participate in our increasingly challenging communities. Embracing sustainability in higher education will expand opportunities for all, critical to sustaining our economic competitiveness, environmental health and strong ecosystems around the globe. The need for developing innovative and successful practices is greater than ever. As population grows, urban development and extreme weather incidents place greater stress on our communities.

Education is a direct investment in America's competitiveness in the changing global economy. According to economist Dr. Robert Pollin, government spending on education services generates significantly more jobs (2.3) per $1 million dollars in investment in sustainability education than spending on almost any other sector. Public investment in sustainability spending increases economic growth. According to economist Dr. Robert Pollin, government spending on education services generates significantly more jobs (2.3) per $1 million dollars in investment in sustainability education than spending on almost any other sector. Public investment in sustainability spending increases economic growth.

Investments in sustainability education are critical for short-term job creation as well as long-term gains. Funding has supported several dozen national environmental and educational organizations, and established higher-education sustainability programs. The program is supported by over 300 colleges and universities to establish sustainability programs and direct the Department of Education to adopt these practices in colleges.

Once funded, the University Sustainability Program will provide comprehensive grants to institutions.

We especially request that you support a fiscal year 2014 appropriation of $200 million for the University Sustainability Program, a competitive grant program authorized as part of the Higher Education Opportunity Act (P.L. 110-315, Title VIII, Part 1, Section 8316) as one of six national priorities in the fund for the improvement of post-secondary Education and Related Agencies Appropriations and the FY2010 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies Appropriations.

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Sincerely,

We thank you for considering this important request.

The University Sustainability Program will help colleges and universities equip a new generation of Americans for the 21st century economy, and pave the way for new technologies.

Funding the University Sustainability Program will help college students who are under-employed or unemployed to pursue careers in the emerging green economy.

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