

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

District Department of the Environment



Howard Ways, AICP
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Office of the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
University of the District of Columbia
4200 Connecticut Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20008

Subject: Mayor's University Sustainability Pledge

February 17, 2012

Dear Mr. Ways:

It is with great gratitude that I send you this letter regarding the University of the District of Columbia's (UDC) leadership in facilitating the development and execution of the Mayor's College and University Sustainability Pledge (CUSP).

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) has worked closely with UDC sustainability staff to develop and promote the formation of a pledge that will draw the city's major institutions of higher learning together in a coordinated effort to advance sustainability on campus and in the community broadly. The Mayor's CUSP provides a number of flexible options for pursuing sustainability performance outcomes, many of which are already underway or near completion at UDC. The Pledge will use a phased-in approach, allowing DDOE to determine what each of the nine participating universities are capable of committing to given existing constraints and ramp up the commitment level over time, if appropriate.

Without UDC's intellectual leadership and thoughtfully convening all of the District-based universities' support, the Mayor's College and University Sustainability Pledge would not have become reality.

I hope that this letter of support will assist in your efforts to achieve an Innovation Credit for your Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating System report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel J. Barry".

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