

## Template Email to President and Governmental Relations Office

Funding for education is dependent on having a healthy economy. If the increase in severe weather events and additional weather extremes of droughts and floods continue to require emergency funds, this will disrupt national and regional economies. Every educational leader has a unique and important role to play to help create a more economically and environmentally sound future.

Initially piloted by the Policy and Legislative Workgroup of the Green Universities and Colleges Subcommittee of the Green Government Coordinating Council of Illinois, the SEED Action Community has continued to research a number of issues that can result in more jobs for our students and a more robust regional economy, thereby making us more successful as colleges and universities.

The issue we are sharing with you now involves the need for President Obama to use the existing authority Congress has already bestowed upon him to address climate change. Climate change, which is no longer a threat but a reality, requires action to be taken for our health and economic well being.

We are sharing this information with you so you can send a letter, either as a college president or as an educated citizen, to encourage key actions to address climate change, such as policies that can be adopted to reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution, make our nation more resilient to the effects of climate change, and to prevent and respond to the effects of climate change. A sample letter is below.

### COPY AND PASTE BELOW TEXT TO LETTERHEAD

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to you as more than President of (Insert Institution Name), but also as a concerned citizen of (Insert City, State).

As you are aware, climate change is no longer a threat but a reality, and it requires immediate action to be taken for our health and economic well being. Climate change threatens the health of our families, our communities and our planet. It may be the greatest challenge of our time and our response will leave an historic legacy.

Cutting carbon pollution at home and rejecting dirty fuels will certainly establish America's leadership and credibility, but perhaps even more importantly, it will create clean energy jobs, right here in the United States, thus stimulating economic growth and the renewable energy industry.

Our environment, health and economy is dependent upon America adopting policies to:

1. Reduce emissions of heat-trapping pollution,
2. Make our nation more resilient to the effects of climate change, and
3. Prevent and respond to the effects of climate change.

I am writing to you today, as a concerned citizen and leader of my community, to urge you as President of the United States to use the authority Congress has already bestowed upon you to address climate change by finalizing and issuing the draft regulations to reduce carbon pollution from both existing and new power plants.

Respectfully Yours,

(Insert Name and Title)