

## Template Email to Student Groups and Student Life Staff

Student groups and student life activities open to the campus or even the community have a unique and important role to play to educate our students and the public about how to create a more environmentally sound future. There are multiple opportunities to relate to today's issues that will give students and the public the opportunity to help create real world solutions to our shared sustainability challenges. Such an activity will help students become more engaged in solving societal problems.

The SEED Action Community is sharing information you can use in your courses. 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 urge you and your students to address the White House to curb dangerous carbon pollution by:

- Elevating the issue of climate disruption and climate solutions in the public discourse. The public needs to be made aware of the direct correlation between carbon pollution and extreme weather.
- Using executive authority to achieve urgently needed reductions in the carbon pollution that is disrupting our climate and damaging our health. America needs standards to cut carbon pollution by 25 percent by 2020 while simultaneously growing a robust renewable energy industry and shifting to clean energy sources, nationwide.
- Rejecting dirty fuels such as tar sands as climate science tells us that 80 percent of existing fossil fuel reserve need to be kept in the ground to prevent extremely damaging climate change.

We are sharing this information with you so you can be informed and help encourage appropriate actions. We are also sharing this with you so you can encourage your students, during a student group or student life event, to participate in a civic engagement activity, to write a personal letter or email to the President of the United States, demanding action in addressing climate change. Specifically, ask the President to finish and issue the draft regulations that will reduce carbon emissions from new and existing fossil fuel plants. You can also encourage participants in these events to contact state legislators, local officials or college presidents, encouraging them to take 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.

For more information, review more information about this crucial issue at [http://docs.nrdc.org/globalwarming/files/glo\\_13010401a.pdf](http://docs.nrdc.org/globalwarming/files/glo_13010401a.pdf) .