

Template Email to President and Governmental Relations Office

Every academic discipline and student life activity has a unique and important role to play to educate our students 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.

The Policy and Legislative Workgroup of the Green Universities and Colleges Subcommittee of the Green Government Coordinating Council of Illinois has researched a number of issues that can result in more jobs for our students, thereby making us more successful as colleges and universities. The issue we are sharing with you now involves the fact that more energy efficient housing in our community will result in a healthier local economy, healthier humans due to higher air quality, and more jobs for our students. We are sharing this information with you so you can help encourage key actions to grow jobs. Please encourage the state realtors associations to get information on how energy efficient a home is into the Realtor MLS (Multiple Listing Systems) listings for potential buyers. This has already happened in 80 listing services across the country yet we do not yet have it across Illinois.

For more information, you can review the campaign brief at <http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=10917> or a Case Study in the City of Chicago at <http://greenthemls.org/pdfs/CaseStudy-Chicago.pdf>.