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PAT QUINN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

January 15, 2009

Chancellor Richard Herman
University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign
601 E. John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Dear Chancellor Herman,

University and college students graduating this year possess an environmental awareness far more advanced than the graduating class just a decade ago. Facing the profound effects of global warming and limited petroleum, today's students are eager to research and develop new ways to preserve and protect the earth's natural resources. These students are the future entrepreneurs, farmers, researchers, and scientists who may develop innovative sources of renewable energy to sustain our environment.

As chairman of the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council, I am writing today to ask you to commit to educating University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign students about environmental preservation and thoughtful energy consumption by signing the *Illinois Sustainable University Compact*.

The compact sets out 12 achievable environmental objectives for Illinois universities and community colleges. These objectives include developing sustainable transportation options, incorporating green building practices in campus construction, improving water conservation, and purchasing energy generated from renewable sources.

By signing the compact, University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign would join 50 other Illinois colleges and universities that have signed on to teach our future leaders the value of a cleaner and greener environment. Illinois' institutions of higher education make a real difference in the environment of our state and serve as role models for other organizations and communities to follow.

I have enclosed a copy of the *Illinois Sustainable University Compact*, and I encourage you to review and adopt it on behalf of University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. If you have any questions or comments regarding the compact, please contact Todd Main or Jaime Caston, in my office, at 312.814.5939 or todd.main@Illinois.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. I look forward to working with you, and I hope to receive your signed copy of the *Illinois Sustainable University Compact* soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Lt. Governor




In cooperation with the Illinois Green Government Coordinating Council and universities and community colleges across Illinois,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

joins the *Illinois Sustainable University Compact*,
pledging to accomplish 8 of the following goals by December 31, 2010

- Acquire at least 3 percent of the energy for our campus from renewable sources
- Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Challenge to increase energy efficiency on campus
- Pledge that all new buildings constructed on campus will earn the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification
- Promote more sustainable transportation options, such as
 - a. Purchasing hybrid and flex-fuel vehicles whenever practical
 - b. Using renewable fuels for our campus fleet
 - c. Establishing successful car-sharing and carpooling programs on campus
- Reduce carbon emissions on campus and look into joining a greenhouse gas emission reduction and trading system
- Reduce water usage on campus by at least 15 percent
- Complete at least one stormwater management project, such as
 - a. Installing permeable pavement in a parking lot on campus
 - b. Creating a rain garden to reduce damage from campus flooding
 - c. Incorporating swales into landscaping to improve drainage and reduce erosion
- Increase the amount of overall waste recycled on campus by at least 15 percent
- Purchase non-toxic cleaning products whenever practical
- Purchase at least 25 percent of the food served in our dining facilities from local farms and vendors
- Compost at least 5,000 cubic yards of the organic waste produced on campus
- Reduce pesticide use by establishing integrated pest management practices at all facilities on campus


Richard Herman
Name

January 22, 2009
Date

Chancellor
Title

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University or Community College

Lt. Governor Pat Quinn
Chairman, Illinois Green Government
Coordinating Council