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Dear Members of the Connecticut College Community,

Yesterday, I joined more than 200 college and university presidents, governors, mayors, and business leaders in signing an open letter to the international community that expresses our collective commitment to sustaining the actions outlined in the 2015 Paris climate accord.

Earlier in May, I was among two dozen leaders of institutions of higher education supporting the "Put A Price On It" campaign, which advocates for carbon pricing as a means to reduce dependence on fossil fuels while increasing investments in renewable energy. The campaign found advocates among a number of our student leaders, including Moriah McKenna ’17 and Jillian Ouellette ’17, who encouraged the College to endorse the call for climate action.

These initiatives reflect a long and venerable history of environmental stewardship at Connecticut College. They also speak to the sustainability goals outlined more recently in our strategic plan, Building on Strength, with its reaffirmation of the College's commitment to environmentally responsible, economically viable, and socially just policies and practices. I wanted you to be aware of these efforts in support of our commitments.

With my best wishes for a productive summer,

Katherine Bergeron
President