Katherine Bergeron President

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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 <u>open letter</u> 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,

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