

## Re: Howard University Support of Sustainability and Environmental Efforts

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Thanks for your email. I look forward to advancing this and having the discussion. Please stay safe and healthy!

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Dear Dr Frederick-

We are in receipt of the letter from the Howard University Student Sustainability Committee. Please note that we, as faculty advisors to the Committee, were not involved in the writing of, and do not endorse the tenor, tone and timing of that letter.

That said, however, we do appreciate the concerns expressed by the students. While we recognize the current issues and difficulties facing the University impede implementation at the current time, we also recognize the need to develop sustainability at the University and support the ideas articulated in the student letter:

- Presidential support for reestablishment of the Howard University Environmental & Sustainability Council (HUESC).
- Presidential commitment to starting a green fund for sustainability.
- Presidential restating that sustainability is a priority across all units within the University.

Although fully aware of the crisis imposed by covid-19, we also hold that these ideas can and need to be a part of Howard Forward.

We look forward to discussing these ideas and issues with you and the students upon our return to campus.

Sincerely,

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