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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE

TO: PASSHE University Presidents

FROM: PASSHE Sustainable Development Task Force

DATE: September 17, 2024

RE: 2025 Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit

We, the PASSHE Sustainable Development Task Force (SDTF), strongly urge you to attend the 2025 [Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit](#) on February 2-4, 2025 in Washington, D.C¹. The Summit is the premier annual gathering of higher education leaders committed to addressing inequity and the climate crisis.

Global scientific leaders suggest that decisions made by 2030 will dictate our collective societal well-being for thousands of years to come. As future-oriented institutions, universities have a vital role to play in accelerating sustainable action. Further, this is good business. Research shows that [sustainable campuses recruit and retain students](#). The PASSHE SDTF understands the urgent, science-backed call to embrace and integrate sustainability into every fabric of society.

We must equitably accelerate the sustainability transition occurring on PASSHE campuses, and this summit will provide you with actionable steps to take to achieve this end. Top-level leadership is pivotal in this moment and will be necessary to create resilient campuses. The Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit hosted by Second Nature is a great opportunity to connect with other leaders in higher education and learn about building the sustainability-centered university.

We hope you make the effort to attend (senior campus administrators are also welcome!).

Kind regards.

¹ The summit rotates locations and returns to the East Coast this year, making it a more sustainable conference destination.