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PLEDGE:

As institutions of higher education, we applaud the progress already made to promote clean energy and climate action as we seek a comprehensive, ambitious agreement at the upcoming United Nations Climate Negotiations in Paris. Although we are optimistic that world leaders will reach an agreement to secure a transition to a low-carbon future, we recognize the urgent need to act now to avoid irreversible costs to our global community's economic prosperity and public health. Today our school pledges to accelerate the transition to low-carbon energy while enhancing sustainable and resilient practices across our campuses.

We put forth our pledges as follows:

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As a charter signatory to Second Nature's Climate Leadership Commitment, Eastern Connecticut State University is part of a robust network of over 600 college and university presidents and chancellors who have committed their institutions to take bold and catalytic climate actions. These Climate Leadership Commitments are a key driving force for transformative change on our campus and in our state. As part of our Commitment we will:

- Achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 and create thresholds for increasing climate resilience
- Integrate carbon neutrality and climate resilience into the curriculum and other educational experiences for all students
- Co-chair the Connecticut Alliance for Campus Sustainability to enhance coordination and collaboration among Connecticut's higher education institutions and accelerate action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to a changing climate
- Demonstrate green building leadership by showcasing our five buildings that are designed to the US Green Building Council's LEED Silver standards (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) and ensuring equivalent or higher sustainability design requirements for all new buildings

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