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Dear Mayor Ferguson,

I am writing to you to ask you to formally support a campaign calling for the University of Bristol to divest from fossil fuels.

The campaign is broad-based, with support from over 2,000 students and over 50 staff. I recently added another prong to this campaign by proposing a motion to University of Bristol Court, on which we both sit, and whose annual meeting is on Friday 27th November.

The motion (attached) proposes that the University develops a plan to gradually phase out its investments in fossil fuels over a five year period. 23 supporters have co-signed my motion, including staff, alumni, Students' Union representatives, and local politicians from the Greens, Lib Dems and Labour.

Two weeks after Barack Obama announced he is rejecting an application to build the Keystone XL pipeline because it would "not make a meaningful long term contribution to our economy", two weeks before the upcoming COP 21 international climate talks in Paris, and during Bristol's year as European Green Capital, I cannot think of a better time for the University to act.

Green councillors welcomed your announcement earlier this year that Bristol City Council will not invest funds in the fossil fuel industry, after my colleague Charlie Bolton questioned you on the matter. Please will you now add your voice to our campaign for the University to follow suit, both in public and at the Court meeting on the 27th?

Yours sincerely,

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