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Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg  
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Honorable Mayor Bloomberg:

We are writing as representatives of the Hopkins Energy Action Team, a broad coalition of student groups at Johns Hopkins committed to making the Homewood campus carbon neutral. On behalf of the entire coalition, we want to thank you for your generosity and deep commitment to making Johns Hopkins one of the world's premiere leaders in research, scholarship, and education. Furthermore, we are inspired by your leadership in forging a solid and insightful plan to minimize New York City's carbon emissions. Your actions reflect an understanding of the benefits of sustainable energy policy and a devotion to confronting the impacts of global climate change.

At Johns Hopkins, we share the same concern that climate change will be a defining challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We believe this challenge calls for the kind of innovative vision and aggressive leadership that Johns Hopkins has demonstrated over the past century. As a university that contributes so much to the world of science, technology, and public service, we feel it is imperative that we set a prominent example of responsible energy use. We believe that Johns Hopkins *can* achieve carbon neutrality and that doing so will demonstrate exceptional leadership in sustainability and responsibility to public health.

Johns Hopkins has yet to take advantage of this great leadership opportunity. As students dedicated to our university's future, we have drafted a Responsible Energy Policy which will make the Homewood campus carbon neutral by 2015. We are not alone: several of our peer institutions – including the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, and Brown – have also committed to carbon neutrality. We believe that pursuing such an ambitious initiative at Johns Hopkins will invigorate and unite our campus behind a common purpose by tapping the optimism and can-do spirit embedded in our university's history.

We chose to contact you because of your continued dedication to Johns Hopkins' leadership and to sustainability. We ask for your support of our effort, expressed to President Brody, Trustees, and university leadership, because of the respect our campus holds for you and because we believe your approval will be invaluable to encouraging our administration to adopt a plan for carbon neutrality by April 15, 2007. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration, and please contact us with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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