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Dear CSUMB Administrators and Faculty,

The role of universities in educating communities and promoting sustainable solutions is irreplaceable. When Cal State Monterey Bay's annual Focus the Region teach-in was brought to the attention of Focus the Nation (FTN) headquarters, we could not have been more thrilled that a university had autonomously continued the Focus the Nation teach-in model since its 2008 inception.

Focus the Nation events engage new leaders in discovering ways to reshape our national energy strategy with the outcome of realizing the need for community energy projects. Your university is providing these young leaders with the tools necessary to begin this journey. While not only challenging your students' perspectives on academic subjects, but also in determining their respective roles, whether Innovators, Technicians, Politicos or Storytellers, in constructing new energy pathways.

Leading the charge, Cal State Monterey Bay put on an event with diverse perspectives on clean energy and resources to build up new leadership in 2011. We were glad to see the incorporation of community and campus through your sustainable partnership exhibition and collaborative breakout sessions. We want to recognize the exceptional faculty responsible for this facilitation, Dr. Daniel Fernandez and Mark Lasnik.

Cal State Monterey Bay has been an exemplary university at producing great events and encouraging its students to become a part of the clean energy future and we hope to see you continue your sustainability efforts.

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