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Dear Mary,

This letter is written in support of the steps Chatham University has taken to reduce diesel emissions and their adverse effect on your campus as well as the surrounding community.

We were very excited when we learned that Chatham University decided to pass a clean construction policy in 2013, requiring the use of best available control equipment on construction projects you undertake. Chatham University is one of only two institutions in the Pittsburgh region to take such a bold step to reduce their contribution to diesel emissions and thus air pollution in the region. This move by Chatham is so important given Pittsburgh's poor air quality, and the fact that diesel particulate matter is the greatest inhaled air toxics cancer risk in the region.

We were also very encouraged by Chatham University's willingness to educate other regional institutions about clean construction and encourage them to pass their own policies by hosting the event, "Creating Healthier Campuses, Workplaces, and Communities by Minimizing Diesel Emissions." The event had a panel of experts discussing clean construction trends, funding opportunities, and current Pittsburgh-based projects that are utilizing clean construction.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

Rachel Filippini
Executive Director