

Connecticut Department of
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Dr. Robert A. Kennedy, Interim President, Board of Regents of Higher Education
Michael P. Meotti, Executive Vice President, Board of Regents for Higher Education
Dr. Elsa M. Núñez, President, Eastern CT State University
39 Woodland St
Hartford, CT
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Dear Dr. Kennedy, Mr. Meotti, and Dr. Núñez:

As you are aware, Governor Malloy has pledged to make Connecticut the most energy efficient state in the nation. This is a very exciting opportunity and I am eager to partner with you to make this happen.

My staff has developed a "Lead By Example" program to help achieve the Governor's vision and meet the goals of Public Act 11-80, which calls for a 10% reduction in energy used by State facilities by 2013 and an additional 10% reduction by 2018. The Connecticut State University System and Connecticut Community Colleges will play a large role in achieving these energy reductions and providing leadership for other State agencies and local governments.

Two weeks ago the Bond Commission authorized a lump sum of \$15 million to implement energy-saving retrofits at State buildings. These bond funds and other tools will allow us to accomplish deep, comprehensive energy system retrofits that reduce energy costs permanently. These energy projects will help address deferred maintenance issues, reduce costly emergency repairs, lower long-term maintenance and operational costs of our facilities, and leverage dollars for construction of new buildings to ensure that they achieve the highest levels of energy efficiency.

Alex Kragie and Lynn Stoddard of my staff are coordinating the Lead By Example program for State and local governments. In addition, I am very grateful to Dr. Núñez for generously sharing the time and expertise of Bill Leahy, Chief Operating Officer of the Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University, to support our program. Specifically, we will rely on Bill to act as our Lead By Example liaison and coordinator for energy reduction initiatives within the Connecticut State University System and Connecticut Community Colleges. In this role, Bill will work with your staff to identify energy saving opportunities and help implement programs. Please let your energy and facilities staff know that Bill is available to assist them and that he will be contacting them to better understand current energy profiles and discuss potential energy projects. Bill will be working closely with Alex and Lynn to be sure that we have a well coordinated effort to successfully meet our goals.

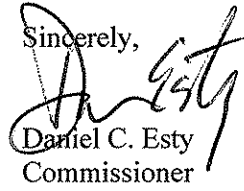
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Thank you all for your partnership on this initiative and for the leadership we will collectively provide as we become the most energy efficient state in the nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Esty", written over the printed name and title.

Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

Cc: Bill Leahy, Chief Operating Officer, Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University