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Steve Wood  
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Dear Mr. Wood,

When the U.S. Green Building Council was born more than 25 years ago, our founders sought to advance better buildings by connecting our daily activities to the impacts they have on our communities and our planet. Over the last 25 years, USGBC, our member companies and the global green building community have helped to make our planet stronger, greener, and more sustainable through LEED. Over the last two decades, it has become increasingly clear that one of our greatest opportunities to transform our environment is by educating and inspiring the next generation of designers, builders, owners, managers, and industry professionals.

As the global green building market has evolved and we look to the future, we are committed to focusing on what matters most within our buildings – human beings – because the standards we are most committed to raising is that of the quality of life itself for everyone in populations spanning every corner of the globe.

Your decision to implement LEED Lab on your campus is bringing us closer to achieving our goals. LEED Lab is a key educational tool connecting students' passion for sustainability with their academic pursuits. Your LEED Lab will help to equip the next generation of sustainability advocates with the practical experience needed to differentiate them in today's job market, while further showcasing Ohio University's commitment to smart and sustainable growth.

I want to thank you, Mr. Wood, and the rest of the leadership team at Ohio University, for partnering with us to nurture and train a workforce that will be essential to addressing the future sustainability needs in the United States and improving quality of life in our communities. We applaud you for your leadership, tenacity, and innovation.

Please let me know if there is more that my team and I can do to support your work in the classrooms and across your campus.

Sincerely,

President & CEO, U.S. Green Building Council  
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