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Dear Ms. Bressers,

As chair of the PSU healthy vending machine initiative, I'm writing to affirm the work that has taken place on the Portland State University campus beginning in December 2011. The committee has proposed specific standards that a snack product must meet in order to be included in the product mix. The standards would apply to all snack vending machines on the Portland State University campus. We just completed a successful pilot and are in the midst of submitting a formal policy to be adopted by the University going forward. The standards proposed are modeled after the Oregon K-12 policy, modified to reflect an adult population. While nutrition standards have already been adopted in Oregon Public Schools as well as Portland Parks and Recreation, it is still new territory in higher ed. Should this policy be approved, PSU would be the first University in Oregon to adopt standards and thereby be a leader and a role model for other universities seeking to implement change on their campuses.

PSU strives to provide a healthy environment for all its members; with the belief that a vibrant, sustainable campus is a healthy campus. This initiative is a step forward in achieving this overarching goal.

Sincerely,

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