



Jamie Henn
350.org Communications Director
20 Jay St. Suite 732
Brooklyn, NY 11201

To Whom It May Concern:

Over the past few years, we've seen many new technological innovations in the clean energy sector – new batteries, highly efficient solar panels, and more – that will help us solve the climate crisis.

But none of these solutions will be enough if we fail to confront the power of the fossil fuel industry. That industry alone has enough carbon dioxide in their reserves to cook the entire planet. That's why so many people around the world have seized on an innovative strategy to challenge the industry's power: divestment.

In 2013, Sterling College became the first college in Vermont, and the third college nationwide, to divest its endowment from fossil fuels. By this act, Sterling led the way for other colleges in Vermont to divest, such as Goddard and Green Mountain College.

We believe that if it is wrong to wreck the climate, then it is wrong to profit from that wreckage. Educational and religious institutions, governments, and other organizations that serve the public good have a special responsibility to divest from fossil fuels. Sterling has proven that it is the leader in environmental stewardship education with their leadership on this issue.

Sterling has led the way for divestment in other ways besides their own financial behavior, as well. They are a source of information for other college divestment movements across the country and throughout the world, and held a workshop for college presidents and CEOs on divestment planning and strategies.

In this critical moment for climate change and for the health of our planet, Sterling College is leading the way in socially responsible investment and making a statement with divesting their portfolio from fossil fuel extractors.

As a strategy that combines the moral, financial, and educational, Sterling's work in this area surely should be considered an innovation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jamie Henn', written in a cursive style.

Jamie Henn