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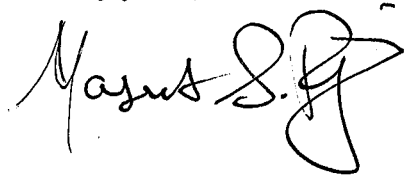
To our stakeholders:

We recognize that a key requirement for participation in the UN Global Compact is the annual preparation and posting of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that is comprised of a chief executive statement of continued support for the UN Global Compact, a description of practical actions in support of the UN Global Compact, and a measurement of outcomes or expected outcomes.

We are late in creating, sharing and posting our COE report due to a change in leadership at our institution since our last report. Our college President was hired two years ago, around the same time that the last COE report was due. Our last report was created by our former President without the involvement of the sustainability leadership or the new President and was then signed by our new President. Therefore, the request for this year's report did not get passed onto the proper sustainability leaders until the very end of August. We scrambled trying to pull information together before realizing there was an option of a Grace Letter. SUNY Geneseo has attended UN Global Compact meetings for the past 3 years and the UN Sustainable Development Goals have been instrumental in framing our sustainability work on campus. We have a substantial investment in continuing to be an active member of the UN Global Compact. We hope that we can be listed as an active member this fall because we are presenting our work with the UN SDGs at the annual sustainability conference, Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education, in October.

We hereby ask for an extension period in order to be able to post a COE that describes our college's efforts and progress in support of the UN Global Compact. Our new COE report will be posted on the UN Global Compact website by December 1, 2018 at the latest.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret S. Reitz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "R".

Dr. Margaret Reitz

Co-Chair for the President's Commission on Sustainability at SUNY Geneseo