TO: Ethan Glemaker, President
Associated Students of Western Washington University

FROM: Leonard Jones, Director, University Residences

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SUBJECT: Campus Ban Against the Sale of Bottled Water

Western Washington University has a long tradition of leadership and educational discussion and initiatives surrounding concerns of sustainability. Indeed, a stated strategic goal of the University is: “Serve as a model for institutional effectiveness, innovation, diversity, and sustainability.”

In support of this University aim, University residences will immediately assess and analyze the overall financial implications of prohibiting the sale of bottled water, along with engaging our campus food and beverage vendors in discussion. We will strive toward implementation as soon as practically possible.

As financial impacts become more fully understood and the campus adjusts, Associated Students has graciously agreed to eliminate $3,000 in sustainability income funded from the campus’ cold beverage contract. Along with another $16,650 from University Residences and other sources to compensate potential revenue losses, $40,000 in funds from the CBC lecture series for the next two years will be available for any potential shortfall as well.

Because of your leadership and Associated Students stellar involvement, student voice is an integral part of the process moving forward. I will provide periodic updates as we move toward implementation. I thank Associated Students, as well as Students for Sustainable Water Club, for your collective leadership and commitment to aligning our University values with the practical realities of this initiative.

C: Dr. Eileen Coughlin, Senior Vice President, Enrollment and Student Services