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Dear Mr. President,

It is my great honor to write this letter. I request that you accept me as a participant and a contributor to the Global University System (GUS) team.

My colleagues and I would like to provide to our students the numerous great opportunities which GUS team possesses, including E-learning and the student engaged learning curriculum that is developed with a focus on the activities at the United Nations related to the implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Since 2005, we at Utah Valley University (UVU) have developed a student engaged learning model to advocate achieving the United Nations sustainable mountain development (SMD) agenda in the State of Utah, North America, and globally. Since 2006, UVU has been a member of the United Nations Mountain Partnership, which coordinates SMD agenda globally under the umbrella of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Through the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF), a coalition of student clubs at UVU, (see: www.utahimf.org) our students can gain professional skills and experiences at the UN level with a faculty member like me serving them as a mentor.

We have also established long-term cooperation with several institutions, including GUS partners, the Mountain Institute and the Millennium Institute. They contributed to many activities at UVU in the advocacy and implementation of the three mountain SDG targets in the State of Utah and globally.

This year, our team was able jointly with both institutions to advocate for the implementation of the three mountain targets during the 53rd session of the UN Commission on Social Development, during the 62nd session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women and at the High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. This will help us strengthen and make effective joint plans and activities between GUS and UVU.

Please do accept me as a participant and contributor to the GUS team.

Sincerely,



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