



West Virginia University

Office of the President

April 21, 2008

Admiral T. Joseph Lopez
Chairman, Board of Governors
Imagine West Virginia
1062B Maple Drive
Morgantown, WV 26505

Re: Imagine West Virginia Energy Report

Dear Admiral Lopez:

One crucial piece of the economic future of West Virginia is securing our place in the energy economy. Imagine West Virginia has endorsed a focused and sustained effort to increase energy research, and to support the people and infrastructure our state will require to be at the forefront of national and international energy development.

West Virginia University is determined to take a leadership role in this process. More than 100 faculty members are participating in the re-evaluation and restructuring of our energy research plan. The plan, which will be presented in the near future, will be tightly tied to West Virginia's future needs – and the country's future needs – in the areas of fossil fuels, alternative energy, and environmental sustainability. In all these areas, WVU has expertise and experience that can contribute toward solving energy issues.

It was a particularly important over the last several weeks that we formalized our energy research partnership with the National Energy Technology Laboratory, Carnegie Mellon University and the University of Pittsburgh – a consortium that will bring an unrivaled depth of research expertise to critical issues for our region and the nation.

WVU is ready to take action steps toward our energy future in collaboration with Imagine West Virginia, and welcomes the thoughtful policy recommendations that have emerged from its bipartisan dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. S. Garrison'.

Michael S. Garrison
President

Phone: 304-293-5531
Fax: 304-293-5883

Stewart Hall
PO Box 6201
Morgantown, WV 26506-6201

Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution