



### **“Dear Planet Earth” Letter Project**

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Earth Day, the Office of Sustainability invites you to participate in our “Dear Planet Earth” letter project. Although social distancing makes it hard to enjoy the outdoors or take action to protect our shared environment, we are fortunate to have technology that enables us to celebrate the Earth together. The “Dear Planet Earth” project is an opportunity to share your thoughts, emotions, hopes, and concerns about our environment during this challenging time.

### **If you’d like to participate, please follow the directions below:**

1. Think of something you would like to say to the planet: it can be a message to Planet Earth, Nature, or any name you might have for our shared home. Consider a love letter, an apology, a thank you, or some thoughts about how people-planet interactions have changed in this time of COVID-19.
2. Hand write or type your message on any piece of paper. Handwritten is preferable, if possible, and illustrations or comics are welcome, too! There is no length requirement, but one page is ideal. You may include your name or not; it’s up to you.
3. Share your message by taking a photo of it and emailing it to [info@sustainability.wisc.edu](mailto:info@sustainability.wisc.edu). If possible, send at the highest resolution your device allows. (You can also send a typed document instead).
4. Invite your friends to write their own message! In this time, more than ever, we need to remind each other of the many ways we are all connected, including how much we care about our shared home.

### **What will happen with these letters?**

Photos of submitted letters will be compiled into a digital display to be shared on Office of Sustainability social media platforms and hosted on the Office of Sustainability website.\* There may be additional venues, either digital or physical, that we pursue in the future.

All letters will be anonymous unless you choose to include your name on the letter. Thanks for adding your voice!

**Submissions deadline: May 22, 2020**

\*Note: The Office of Sustainability will review all letters for offensive and/or inappropriate content prior to inclusion in our final display. Thank you for your understanding.