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Honorable Kenneth W. Jenkins, Chairman Westchester County Board of Legislators 800 Michaelian Office Building 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor White Plains, NY 10601

Dear Chairman Jenkins:

After nearly three years of internal study and planning, Pace University took another major step this week in its plan designed to realize a new vision for the Pleasantville campus.

On Wednesday, March 28 we submitted to the Town of Mount Pleasant a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Master Plan to consolidate the functions currently in Briarcliff Manor onto our Pleasantville campus. Submission of the DEIS starts the formal environmental review process with the first public hearing scheduled for May 3, 2012.

This multi-phase project involves reconfiguring the campus core, improving the infrastructure and upgrading our existing facilities. It is designed to meet existing demand with no expansion outside the Pleasantville campus.

In keeping with Pace's long-standing commitment to the environment, the Master Plan will create a sustainable campus that reduces dependence on cars and encourages pedestrian activity with beautifully landscaped pathways and a new central "Campus Green." It will also preserve approximately 60 percent of the campus as green space and eliminate thousands of bus trips between the two campuses.

This project, which is estimated at \$150 million, represents a significant investment in Westchester County's "intellectual capital" as well as the local and regional economy.

Pace University has been an integral part of Westchester County for almost half a century. We are the county's largest university and one of its largest employers. It is estimated that Pace contributes over \$64 million annually to Westchester's economy in direct and indirect spending.

We greatly appreciate the continued support of The Westchester County Board of Legislators as Pace University moves forward with this exciting new chapter in its history in the county.

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