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Dear Ohio State University Administration, Faculty, and Staff,

As students at The Ohio State University who are convicted toward making a positive environmental change on our university's campus, we support the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center (BPCRC) and their goal to renovate their ice core facility. Their research, which includes storage in the form of ice cores, has been integral to climatology research on Ohio State's campus, and will continue to be extremely important for future generations of research.

Not only is the Byrd Center a repository of scientific information and research, but it is also a center for pedagogy, where many in the community are introduced to climate issues and the human's impact on the environment. Part of the renovation of the Byrd Center ice storage facility will create a space specifically for children and young adults to participate in hands on activities teaching them about climate and the environment. We are confident that this renovation will promote the success of scientists and paleoclimatology work for generations to come. The students of Ohio State are excited to see the University invest in the future of our environment, and we believe that a major step toward doing so is investing in this project.

One major priority of The Ohio State University has been its consistent growth with the changing needs of the community, as currently seen on West Campus. The University has promoted the update of technology, education, infrastructure, and research to meet those needs, and there is a community and societal need for this same type of update at the Byrd Center. An investment in this renovation would be investing in this and the future generation's ability to do climatology work with the existing ice cores, and in current scientists' capacity to collect new samples. We are confident that this renovation is consistent with the goals of the University, and we urge the University to financially support this project by investing in Byrd Polar, its students, and the environment.

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