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President Kevin P. Reilly
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Chancellor's Advisory Council Members:

I am writing in support of the University of River Falls 2009 - 2011 Biennial Budget Request; Growing a Sustainable Wisconsin: Individuals, Businesses and Communities. As CEO of a community hospital in one of the fastest growing counties in the country, the issue of a sustainable community is of great importance.

This request, if approved, will help Wisconsin with the economic development initiatives of the region and state including increasing jobs, improve communities through outreach efforts and provide education regarding sustainability.

I believe the University of River Falls is uniquely positioned to address sustainable issues in western Wisconsin and across the state. St. Croix County is the fastest growing county in the state of Wisconsin. The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has steady increases in enrollment since 2003-2004 and expects this to continue.

I hope their request is given serious consideration and I am in full support.

Sincerely yours,

Marian M. Furlong
President and Chief Executive Officer

cc: Mark Kinders