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RE: Funding for Community Colleges

We respectfully request that funding, in the amount of \$525 million, be included in the state budget to support all SUNY Community Colleges.

In addition, we request that you support \$97 million in operating support for community colleges to expand workforce development. This funding will guarantee New Yorkers the skills and credentials necessary to make them well-prepared for careers in high-demand sectors including healthcare, advanced manufacturing, IT/cybersecurity, skilled trades, and/or green jobs. Community Colleges are set to produce 20,000 job/career ready workers annually for the most in-demand fields to respond to the Governor's economic development strategy.

Community colleges are one of our most critical educational assets. When we invest in SUNY, we are investing in our future. No place in America offers a high-quality education as affordable as New York's public colleges and universities. These transformational investments will enable SUNY to continue its mission to build an educated citizenry and the workforce of the future.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

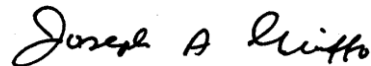
Sincerely,



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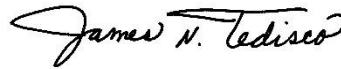
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