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Dear Governor Cuomo,

You are devastating the City University of New York with the cuts to this states Higher Education system proposed in this years fiscal budget.

The \$400.00 per award reduction in the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) as well as the elimination and deferral of the Regents, Empire State and Liberty Scholarships will place higher education out of the reach of not just this states neediest, but also of the children of blue collar and middle class families.

These budget cuts, in addition to the cuts in services that they will mandate, will more than compromise the quality of higher education at New York State institutions.

Considering your publicly stated commitment to higher education and to working families in New York state, I consider your current position to be a total reversal and a rudely awakening slap in the face.

It is in times of fiscal and economic crises that the state government must call upon all of its citizens to share equally in the solutions to its problems. Corporations and individuals in higher income brackets must contribute to these solutions along with the poor and middle class of this state.

I strongly urge you to reconsider your proposed educational budgets cuts and tuition increase as well as its effect on the residents of this state. The future of New York public higher education depends on it.

Sincerely,

NAME AND ADDRESS

