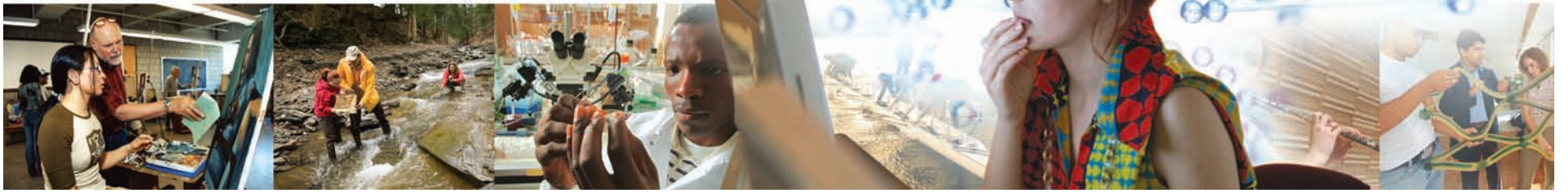




The State University of New York



Open Letter to the New York State Legislature

Great cities, great states, and great nations need great universities.

Representing many of New York's corporations, employers and labor unions, we applaud and endorse *the Power of SUNY*, the new strategic plan launched by Chancellor Nancy L. Zimpher and the campus presidents of the State University of New York.

The Power of SUNY, commits SUNY's spirit of innovation, rich diversity of campuses and vast human capital to drive New York's economic recovery and create a better future for every community.

The Power of SUNY is New York's vehicle for economic recovery and the **Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act** is the license to drive.

The Empowerment Act harnesses high impact, zero cost solutions to the State's financial crises. It will create jobs, build the foundation for tomorrow's economy and strengthen public higher education.

If there were ever a time for New York State to embrace bold new ideas and creative solutions, it is this time, with this Chancellor and this SUNY.

Join us in supporting *the Power of SUNY* by passing the **Public Higher Education Empowerment and Innovation Act**.

