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Dr. Erik J. Bitterbaum
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Dear President Bitterbaum,

As we enter the 2021 Spring Semester, I would like the State University of New York Athletic Commission (SUNYAC) to develop a plan, for consideration, to safely resume spring intercollegiate athletic competition.

Although we are still combatting COVID-19, SUNY has demonstrated with enhanced testing, monitoring, compliance, and uniform protocols we have been able to successfully manage the situation. Likewise, several other SUNY campuses have successfully brought modified athletics back with enhanced protocols, including small group and pod practices, individual skills development, aggressive testing requirements, virtual team building, video review, and activities that support mental health.

In the plan, I ask that SUNYAC considers elements to safely resume athletics including, but not limited to: the timing of the start of competition in spring intercollegiate athletics, reduced travel to protect our student-athletes, and additional health protocols. The development of the plans should include coordination with local department of health officials, key campus health professionals, as well as the Campus Safety Monitors.

It will be expected that a return from low-to-high risk spring sports will fully meet the applicable guidance provided by the New York State Department of Health and/or the NCAA. I look forward to the plan and welcome discussing options with the commissioners. My team stands ready to help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Malatras", is written over a light blue circular background.

Jim Malatras
Chancellor