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To whom it may concern:

It is my pleasure to support the enclosed application to bring a 2016 Presidential Debate to Rockland Community College. As chancellor of The State University of New York (SUNY), I can assure you that this event would receive the highest levels of service and support not only from the Rockland community and the college itself but from our entire university system, which spans New York State.

The State University of New York is the largest comprehensive system of public higher education in the country. On 64 college campuses located in every community of the state, we educate nearly 460,000 students in more than 7,500 degree and certificate programs in person, online, and around the globe, and we have more than 3 million alumni.

SUNY campuses have hosted President Obama and his predecessors on several occasions, so we are familiar with the logistical challenges that such a high-profile event presents and we are prepared to rise to the occasion. I am confident you will find that the Eugene Levy Fieldhouse at Rockland Community College is an ideal setting for this prestigious event, with facilities to accommodate your needs as well as the many guests who would attend.

Given increased focus nationally on the value of community colleges and the critical role of these institutions in supporting workforce development and driving the economy, I believe strongly that the timing is also right for the country's first-ever presidential debate at a community college.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Nancy L. Zimpher
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