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United University Professions

December 3, 2021

Dr. Merryl Tisch, Chairman
Board of Trustees
State University of New York
H. Carl McCall SUNY Building
353 Broadway
Albany, NY 12246

Dear Chairman Tisch and Members of the Board of Trustees:

I write to you at a critical time for our state university system. After facing a pandemic for nearly two years we must move forward to restore opportunity, restore access and restore SUNY. In light of the recent news we welcome the Chancellor's apology. It was necessary and appropriate.

United University Professions (UUP) has had a constructive relationship with Chancellor Malatras as we faced unprecedented times that challenged the health, safety and viability of the SUNY community. Chancellor Malatras and I were able to quickly forge an agreement that mandated testing for all UUP members which served to help curtail the spread of covid in our communities. Chancellor Malatras has also been a tireless advocate on behalf of UUP members who have been on the front lines of SUNY hospitals and campuses across the system.

We look forward to continuing our work with Chancellor Malatras in building a strong and vibrant SUNY. The relationship we have forged with the Chancellor will enable us to work closely to garner necessary operating funding for our campuses and the SUNY hospitals.

We believe it is imperative to continue working together, with you, the members of the SUNY Board, and Chancellor Malatras as we approach what is possibly the most important budget in SUNY's recent history. Our shared priorities, which will deliver the resources to better serve our students, patients and our communities, will continue to be the focus of UUP in the weeks and months ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "F. Kowal", written in a cursive style.

Frederick E. Kowal, Ph.D.
President
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