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Dear Governor Hochul,

We write to you today on behalf of our fellow students at SUNY Onondaga Community College to request your support for the ***Empire State Community College Workforce Guarantee***. Those of us writing are officers of the Onondaga Community College Student Government Association. We represent not only ourselves, but other OCC students preparing for careers in a variety of degree and certificate programs.

We write because we have heard about your commitment to SUNY and to SUNY's community colleges and believe you have the power to help ensure that college is affordable for each of us and our families. We ask that you lend your support to the ***Empire State Community College Workforce Guarantee*** and the additional \$97 million in operating funds that it includes. Community colleges are the backbone in many parts of the State and without this funding, they will be unable to deliver the essential education and training needed to prepare students for needed careers. These necessary funds will allow SUNY Onondaga to continue its work in preparing us and future students for high need careers in our communities and beyond.


Investments such as this in SUNY's community colleges ensure that students like us are prepared in modern, state-of-the-art classroom environments; obtain support services such as mental health, counseling and academic support; and taught and supported by the best faculty and staff using the equipment needed now and in the future. By investing in the education provided by community colleges, New York State makes a direct investment in our future workforce, an area which we know is of the highest importance to you as Governor. As students, the better the education we receive, the greater the impact for us, our families, our communities. We are prepared for high need, high value careers while employers receive the educated and trained employees they need.

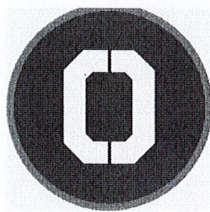
Please support the ***Empire State Community College Workforce Guarantee***.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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President

  
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Vice President of Club Training & Support



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