A CALL TO ACTION—Budget Engagement 2016

Attention Students, Faculty, Alumni and Friends of the CUNY Community:

The FY 2016-2017 New York State Executive Budget is currently under review by the New York State Assembly and Senate, including proposed funding for the colleges of The City University of New York (CUNY). Recently Chancellor James B. Milliken testified before the joint fiscal committees on the proposed state budget outlining CUNY’s priorities.

We need your help! Please go to www.supportcuny.org via your personal computer and make your voice heard.

The Governor has proposed a shift of 30% of the budget or $485 million to the City of New York. Indeed there is a need for greater not less State investment in the university, which is experiencing record enrollment.

CUNY needs a stable, secure and adequately funded budget. This will ensure that CUNY continues its commitment to academic excellence and to the provision of opportunity as a vehicle of upward mobility. Among priorities, CUNY is seeking:

- **Mandatory Cost Needs** - $27 million is being requested for fringe benefits, salary increments, building rentals and energy increases. In addition, funding is needed to specifically cover CUNY’s collective bargaining contracts.
- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Reform**
- **Capital Projects** - $1.179 billion for new construction projects
- **Critical Maintenance Needs at the Campuses** - $334 Million
- **Restorations** - $2.5 million for Accelerated Study in Associates Programs (ASAP), $1 million for Child Care Centers, and $1.5 million for the Joseph S. Murphy Institute for Worker Education.
- **Community College Base Aid** – A $250 base aid increase in the next 3 years. This year’s increase would be $26.3 million.

We know that the current knowledge economy places great emphasis on a college degree. Your assistance is needed to help CUNY continue to provide an affordable, high quality education.

Please contact legislators while the budget process is under way by using your personal computer to visit www.supportcuny.org or to write your own letter. The letters on the website have been drafted to focus on CUNY budget priorities (modify as you deem appropriate). State government leaders by law must pass the budget by April 1, 2016. The time to communicate is now. Thank you for your help and support.

**Student Letter**

**Faculty and Staff Letter**
Community College Letter

Community College Base Aid Letter

ASAP Letter

Parent Letter

Alumni Letters