

Dear Governor Cuomo:

The Academic Senate of Queensborough Community College of the City University of New York requests that you support New York State Senate Bill 218A (<http://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/s281a>) and New York State Assembly Bill 5370A (<http://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2015/A5370A>), legislation endorsing Maintenance of Effort funding for the City University of New York.

Our students represent the best and brightest of New York City's next generation: 42% of CUNY's students are the first in their families to attend college, and from households earning less than \$30,000 a year. The Maintenance of Effort Bill would provide funding for campuses to pay for heat, electricity, and other operating costs that would otherwise siphon off critical resources needed for educational services.

CUNY faculty, staff and administrators are an extraordinarily talented, deeply committed group of scholars and educators. It is devotion to our students and our belief in CUNY's historic mission that brings us to work every day, despite the challenges that diminished funding can often impose. We therefore urge you to join us in supporting our City University, by signing the Maintenance of Effort Bill.

Sincerely yours,

The Queensborough Community College Academic Senate