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Hon. Carl E. Heastie
Speaker, NYS Assembly
LOB 932/CAP 349
Albany, NY 12248

Dear Speaker Heastie:

We are writing on behalf of SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse. We proudly represent the 1.8 million New Yorkers who live in the 17 county corridor served by SUNY Upstate. We wanted to share our collective concern about the future of SUNY Upstate.

SUNY Upstate is one of the jewels of our SUNY system. It brings more New Yorkers into medical school than any other in the State. Its programs in health professions and nursing are intimately tied to our State's healthcare system. It allows us to develop the local medical talent needed to meet our diverse needs and complex medical population. SUNY Upstate's research continues to drive discovery and create new medical knowledge.

Upstate is also the home to many one-of-a-kind clinical services and it offers almost \$70 million in "safety net services" alone each year. It generates that impressive amount of activity with just five percent of its budget coming from direct state support (\$68.89 million). That small investment is leveraged to support a \$1.3 billion enterprise with more than 9,300 employees.

Please consider the following requests for SUNY Upstate in the upcoming budget negotiations:

1. **Restore \$18.6 million in direct State support for the three SUNY Hospitals.** This represents a \$7 million deficit for SUNY Upstate.
2. **Support the \$100 million provided in the Executive Budget for capital projects at SUNY Upstate and SUNY Stony Brook (\$50 million each).** This would be the first infusion of capital spending at SUNY Upstate since 2008.
3. **Support the \$75 million in the Executive Budget as a contingency appropriation match in the State's Capital Restructuring Financing Program (CRFP).** This would aid SUNY Upstate's \$150 million ambulatory care site proposal.
4. **Support the five-year capital plan in the Executive Budget for SUNY system-wide critical maintenance needs, including \$200 million in capital funding for 2016-17.** This would deliver SUNY Upstate a dependable \$3.5 million annually to make needed repairs and maintenance.
5. **Support a SUNY-wide capital plan.** SUNY needs a true comprehensive capital plan to support individual campuses strategic initiatives. At Upstate this would include a visionary \$75 million University Center for student and community engagement.
6. **\$500,000 in support for the CNY Cord Blood Center.** This facility is under construction at SUNY Upstate's Community Campus and will be the only facility of its kind in Upstate NY. It



projects to be self-funding in 5 years, but will require an additional \$500,000 annually in those 5 years to establish and sustain its programming.

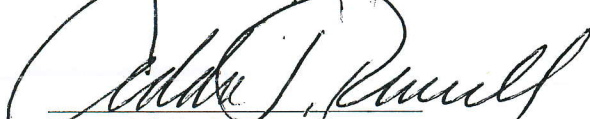
7. **\$250,000 for the continuation of the Empire State Development Corporation grant for the CNY BioAccelerator.** The CNY BioAccelerator has progressed significantly in the last year and will be the center of cutting edge precision medicine in the State.
8. **Continuation of \$18 million in State support provided to State-operated SUNY campuses to aid in each campus' Performance Improvement Plans (PIPs).**
9. **Legislative restoration of \$4.7 million in State support for increased salary costs provided in the 2015-16 Enacted Budget.**
10. **\$55 million for a 6th round of SUNY 2020 Challenge Grants.** SUNY Upstate and their regional partners have fared well in the competition for these dollars.

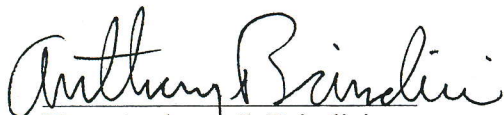
Again, we ask the Assembly to support SUNY Upstate in its "One-House" budget resolution. It is one of the top three employers in our region; it employs our families, friends and neighbors; it saves lives and creates the next generation of health care workers to look after us and our families. Simply put, SUNY Upstate Medical University needs and deserves special consideration in the budget negotiations ahead. It is important to all of us.

Very truly yours,

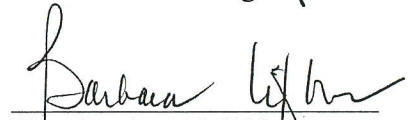

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