

Alumnus/a - Address

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Name - New York State Senator or Assembly Member

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Dear Senator or Assembly Member,

As a graduate of The State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College, I attribute much of my personal and professional success to the education and career preparation I received at Maritime College. As such, my alma mater is important to me. Although SUNY Maritime College represents one of the smallest of the State's campuses, its contributions to New York's economy and maritime industry are vast. I urge you to support SUNY Maritime College and all the State University campuses in the following ways:

Establish a SUNY Multi-Year Capital Plan: SUNY Maritime College needs to renovate the science and engineering building, Marvin-Tode Hall, and Reisenberg Hall Gymnasium. These buildings are seriously outdated and limit the College's ability to adequately serve its current students and to recruit top students. These multi-million projects must remain on hold until SUNY is allowed to establish a Multi-Year Capital Plan.

Increase SUNY's base level of support: For the past several years, support from the State has been flat while all other inflationary expenses have increased. Without additional state support, it will be the students who will have to cover these inflationary cost increases.

Renew NY-SUNY 2020 Predictable Tuition and Maintenance of Effort: With the extra tuition dollars Maritime College has received since this policy was enacted five years ago, we have been able to attract and hire new faculty and to expand our programs to meet growing enrollment. Predictable tuition is critical to the College's ability to provide a "Margin of Excellence" for its students.

Increase the 2014-2015 Investment and Performance Fund from \$18 to \$50 million: I was extremely pleased to learn that Maritime College was awarded \$750,000 in the first round of this program which will provide additional academic resources to its students. Increasing the Investment and Performance Fund will allow Maritime College to apply for additional funding to address strategic campus initiatives to increase access to Maritime College and improve the success of our students.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Name

SUNY Maritime College, Class of ____