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The Governor's Proposed Cuts to Higher Education

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RE: THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION

"The Senate Majority has been actively reviewing the budget for potential reductions. Skyrocketing unemployment has resulted in record increases in college enrollments. This is not the time to make disproportionate cuts to higher education—more than one-third of these administrative cuts (\$178 million out of \$500 million) affect higher education, and we believe this is an unfair burden on New York's students and the state's economic future."