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March 7, 2025

Honorable Margaret Blackman
Mayor, Village of Brockport
127 Main Street
Brockport, NY 14420

Re: Village of Brockport SUNY Impact Aid Request

Dear Mayor Blackman,

We write to you in support of your request for \$204,292 from the SUNY Impact Aid to be paid to the Village of Brockport for costs related to SUNY Brockport off campus student housing. U.S. Census data shows 52.4% of housing stock in the Village of Brockport is tenant occupied -- and approximately 60% of that population is occupied by SUNY Brockport students.

Costs related to enforcing codes at the units used for student living make up an estimated \$144,000 of the Village Code enforcement department budget. During the college semesters there is an increased need for a strong police presence at village bars during the early hours of the weekends to ensure an orderly closure of the village bars, which are often overcrowded. Local police also regularly respond to noise complaints from college students partying at off campus housing. The Village Police also help SUNY Brockport with coverage for events held on and off campus and assist the University Police for various matters, at an estimated cost of \$59,994 to the village police budget each year.

The Village of Brockport did receive SUNY Impact Aid funding in 2018 but has received none since. The village has documented the impact of university-related costs, and budget gaps are hard to make up for, because of tax breaks on much of the student housing. The heaviest taxes are paid for by the village residents, who happen to pay the highest property taxes in Monroe County.

The Village of Brockport and its residents need assistance, and I fully support their request for \$204,292 in financial assistance from SUNY Impact Aid. If you have any questions, please contact my office at 716-434-0680 or through email at ortt@nysenate.gov.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Robert G. Ortt in black ink.

Robert G. Ortt
Senate Minority Leader
62nd District

Handwritten signature of Stephen Hawley in black ink.

Stephen Hawley
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