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ERIE COUNTY LEGISLATURE

HON. JOSEPH C. LORIGO
10TH DISTRICT LEGISLATOR
MINORITY LEADER

March 1, 2019

Hon. Stefan Mychajliw
Erie County Comptroller
95 Franklin Street – 11th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Dear Comptroller Mychajliw,

SUNY Erie relies on sufficient enrollment levels to maintain the college's level of services. Currently their budget anticipates enrollment, as measured by credit hours, to remain static for the 2018/2019 FY year, ending in June, 2019. This may be seen by most as a reasonable budgetary assumption. However, SUNY Erie has seen a consistent and dramatic drop in enrollment over the past several years, in line with national trends for higher education.

I am concerned about the enrollment trends at SUNY Erie and the impact it could have on providing current students the education they deserve. I am looking for further clarification on the enrollment trends so that we can ascertain the seriousness of the situation.

Please accept this letter as an official request for your office to review the enrollment numbers for ECC and issue a report to the Legislature.

I appreciate your attention in this matter and ask for a quick response. If the reports are true and enrollment has in-fact declined substantially, we are running out of time to act before the college is forced to decimate its fund balance.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Lorigo
Erie County Legislator