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M. JODI RELL
GOVERNOR

March 12, 2009

Mr. Lawrence D. McHugh, Chairman
Board of Trustees
Connecticut State University System
39 Woodland Street
Hartford, Connecticut 06105

Dear Chairman McHugh and Members of the Board:

I write today to thank all of you – as well as Chancellor Carter and all the members of the Connecticut State University family – for the tremendous stewardship you are demonstrating as our state copes with the national economic downturn.

The sacrifices you are making in these times of great economic challenge ensure that thousands of students from across our great state will continue to get an excellent education that will enable their personal and professional success.

Every time I have asked the CSUS Board, Dr. Carter and the Connecticut State University System for help, you have “been there.” The difficult decision today to freeze managerial salaries for the coming year and to reduce the number of managers by 10 percent – thereby saving about \$1.2 million – shows true leadership.

I want to assure you that you have my full support in return. I will do everything in my power to ensure the continued vitality of the Connecticut State University System – at all of its campuses – not only through this fiscal crisis but in the years that follow.

Thank you again, and best wishes as you meet today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Jodi Rell".

M. Jodi Rell
Governor

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