

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the Chancellor's budget request to restore for Vermont State University the \$5 million removed by the governor plus a significant increase to the base and one time money to address the inflationary cost of basic necessities such - from the cost of healthcare and supplies to utilities and facility maintenance.

**Please fund the full promise to VTSU for \$10million for deficit reduction and bridge funding!**

This matters because campus based staff and faculty and direct student facing positions have already been cut to the bone. We are already significantly under staffed. The Vermont State College system IS the ONLY accessible avenue of higher education for so many Vermonters. The VTSU system is essential for the economic future of our state. We need VTSU to thrive and ask for your support to fully fund the system!!

Thank you,  
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