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Dr. Merryl Tisch
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Dear Dr. Tisch,

I have had no higher honor in my lifetime in public service than serving as the 14th Chancellor of the State University of New York. I'm proud to have been the first SUNY graduate ever to become Chancellor. I would not have had the chance to serve in the highest levels of state government but for my SUNY education. From humble beginnings, SUNY lifted me up and offered opportunity.

I'm especially proud of our strong partnership, as together, with our hardworking and dedicated SUNY team, we led the SUNY system through the height of a global health crisis and one of SUNY's most challenging times.

But, the recent events surrounding me over the past week have become a distraction over the important work that needs to be accomplished as SUNY emerges from Covid-19. I believe deeply in an individual's ability to evolve, change, and grow, but I also believe deeply in SUNY and would never want to be an impediment to its success. Therefore, please accept my resignation effective January 14, 2022 as SUNY's Chancellor.

Across our 64 campuses our extraordinary faculty and staff are paving pathways to opportunity for more nearly 400,000 students from every walk of life at every stage of their lives and learning careers. I am proud of the progress we have made strengthening this institution, making it more student-centric and breaking down barriers to education. We established the new SUNY for ALL program, expanding educational opportunity, like the online workforce training center offering free certificates in high demand jobs. We've eliminated application fees for low income students, enhanced childcare for families, and established automatic enrollment in SNAP to combat food insecurity. We've successfully advocated for additional federal and state funding, including for the Educational Opportunity Program—one of the most important programs to break down barriers for students who didn't think college was even an option. We created the first pre-med opportunity program for students who have historically been excluded from the medical field. We implemented a bold 25-point diversity, equity, and inclusion action plan to continue our pursuit of social and racial justice. We expanded our research capacity to

make sure SUNY will continue to spur the innovation that defines the future of New York's economy— from nanotech to artificial intelligence.

And, together we kept our doors open through Covid-19, providing in-person instruction so our students could learn, discover, and thrive when so many classrooms across the country were closed – and, through it all, we developed a new level of cooperation between faculty, staff, and SUNY administration.

It is no exaggeration to say that the SUNY system is the jewel of the Empire State. It has been my privilege to serve as its leader.

Very truly yours,



Jim Malatras