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The Honorable Christopher G. Fallon  
State House  
Boston, MA 02133

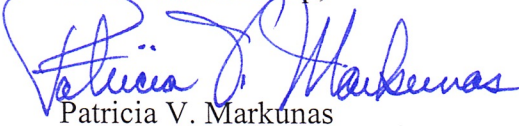
Dear Representative Fallon:

On behalf of the full-time faculty and librarians of the nine state colleges, I thank you for your support of efforts by Representative Martin Walsh to maintain the current levels of premiums paid by state employees for group health insurance.

Proposals to increase premium payments in the governor's proposal budget amount to a 67% increase in health insurance premiums for nearly all of the faculty and librarians that we represent. Based on the average salary for our membership, this amounts to a 2% across-the-board salary cut, which will hamper our efforts to recruit and retain high quality faculty and librarians, whose service on behalf of the Commonwealth is so critical to the education that we provide to students.

Your support, and that of your colleagues, to maintain current levels of premium payments has never been more important. Thank you again.

For the membership,



Patricia V. Markunas  
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