

Letter from Rutgers-Camden School of Law to Board of Governors:

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Dear Chairman Izzo and President McCormick,

We are in receipt of your letter to the Camden Faculty of Arts & Sciences. We are delighted that you strongly support both maintaining and strengthening the Camden Campus as part of Rutgers University.

The Law School faculty believe that the reasons for maintaining the ties with Rutgers are especially strong. As a School which has garnered national recognition and has recruited an internationally renowned faculty and nationally diverse student body *because of* our ties to Rutgers, we believe that severing those ties would result in a threat to all of those achievements. In fact, as President McCormick knows, we are actively pursuing strengthening those ties by exploring greater cooperation with the Rutgers School of Law–Newark and perhaps even creating Rutgers Law, which we believe is likely to raise the national stature of legal education and scholarship at Rutgers.

We, too, are wholeheartedly in favor of a premier public research university serving South Jersey. We at the Rutgers School of Law–Camden are confident that we, along with the rest of our colleagues at Rutgers–Camden, are already doing our part to provide our region with precisely that. We, too, want to further enhance higher education in South Jersey and recognize that this can be accomplished in myriad ways, including close programmatic cooperation with Rowan and Cooper in health policy clinics, scholarship, and teaching, as well as with engineering and perhaps other fields. We firmly believe, however, that any such way requires that we remain part of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey.

Thank you for your support and we stand ready to work with you in maintaining and strengthening the Camden Campus of Rutgers University.

Sincerely,
The Faculty of Rutgers School of Law – Camden
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