

Dear Chairman Izzo and members of the Board of Governors,

I appreciate the opportunity to speak with you. This is my 20<sup>th</sup> year at Rutgers. I am a Professor of History at Rutgers Camden and a faculty associate of our Childhood Studies Department.

I know that you have heard from many of my colleagues from the College, Law School, Nursing School and Business School at Rutgers Camden and that you are well aware of the quality education we provide and the cutting edge work we engage in as scholars and in service to our community. We in Camden are Rutgers.

We are Rutgers when we teach our undergraduate, graduate and professional school students. We proudly place our affiliation on our books, on programs for our arts performances and exhibitions, on our articles, and on our public policy reports. The name Rutgers is affixed to ours when we receive fellowships from non-profit arts and cultural organizations such as the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the MacArthur Foundation, and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation to name just a few. The name Rutgers stands next to ours when we serve those same organizations as members of peer review boards. We are Rutgers when we are awarded grants by the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation and when we serve on peer review panels for those and other distinguished scientific bodies. We are Rutgers when we testify before federal and state agencies and serve on government panels,

offering our expertise. We are Rutgers when we write editorials for and answer questions from the media. We are Rutgers when we speak to local and national audiences as faculty, students, and as alumni.

My colleagues and I are deeply unsettled by the idea floated by a few that the Camden campus be amputated. This would leave Rutgers as a whole massively handicapped and it would leave South Jersey without the top-quality tier I institution it needs. This kind of destruction must be halted. It is up to the Board of Governors to speak directly to this matter by issuing a statement condemning any effort to remove Rutgers Camden from Rutgers. This should be released to the public and sent to the Barer taskforce and to the Governor and the legislature. This statement should appear on the page of the website of Rutgers' Position on Current Issues just as there is a statement regarding the merger of Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. The Board of Governors should direct the University President to use whatever resources are needed to ensure that Rutgers Camden remains part of Rutgers. And the Presidential Search Committee must convey that all candidates for the job understand that the integrity of the institution is vital and that Camden should not be threatened.

For over sixty years Rutgers Camden has been a core part of Rutgers and our campus has provided to the citizens of New Jersey and particularly our community in South Jersey the most outstanding education and service possible. We have worked hard to ensure that

we can continue to do so in the future, by expanding our programs, raising our standards, hiring the best faculty, and recruiting and supporting the best students. Now we ask you to give us the support we deserve and to commit wholeheartedly to our continued existence.

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