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Matthew Cole  
Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance  
Massachusetts Department of Higher Education  
One Ashburton Place, Room 1401  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Deputy Commissioner Cole,

MCLA appreciates the continued support from the Department of Higher Education for the alternative tuition program for New York State residents. We wanted to provide you with this information in advance of the next BHE fiscal affairs meeting.

The DHE has consistently authorized MCLA to enroll new students from New York State at a rate (\$1,545) that mirrors that charged to students under the New England Regional Student Program through the New England Board of Higher Education. Currently, 99 students receive the benefits of the alternative tuition program. We also wish to continue the program at the same rate.

By capitalizing on our proximity to New York State, this important program has supported sustained enrollment while not displacing any Massachusetts students. We are pleased with the results to date and look forward to continuing with this alternative tuition program for New York students, and maintain the 306 new student limit, already in place.

Thank you for your interest and your support. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Joseph DaSilva  
Vice President of Administration and Finance  
MCLA

Cc: President James. F. Birge