



Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

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John O'Connor and Nancy Zimpher  
President and Chancellor  
SUNY Research Foundation  
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Dear President O'Connor and Chancellor Zimpher:

We write to you regarding the fair settlement of a contract with the Stony Brook University Research Assistants (RA's). It has come to our attention that in the more than a year and a half since the National Labor Relations Board ruled that the RA's were entitled to bargain collectively for a contract that provides for a living wage and better working conditions, an agreement still has not been reached. This insecurity could undermine the quality of the critical research that Stony Brook's Research Assistants perform. We now strongly urge the swift conclusion of those negotiations.

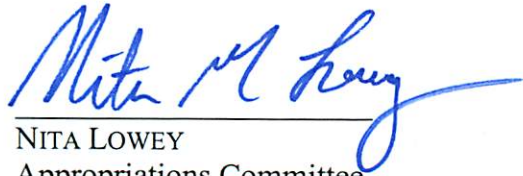
Research Assistants are vital to the economic growth of Long Island and New York State. They perform invaluable research, which benefits the Research Foundation, the University, and the public at large. The value they return to us should be reflected in the wages and working conditions we return to them.

We appreciate your attention to this matter, and look forward to hearing news of the settlement of a first contract.

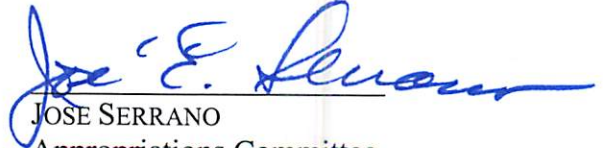
Sincerely,

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Appropriations Committee  
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