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Chris Gabrieli, Chairman
Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

November 5, 2021

His Excellency Charles Baker Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts State House, Suite 280 Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Baker:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 150E of the General Laws, the Board of Higher Education hereby requests that you approve and submit to the General Court an appropriation to fund the FY21 and FY22 incremental costs of the recently ratified successor collective bargaining agreement between the Board of Higher Education and the Massachusetts State College Association (MSCA) which represents faculty and librarians at the State Universities.

The most recent MSCA collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30, 2020. The parties have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement for the successor collective bargaining agreement. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement is attached hereto as <u>Attachment A</u>. The new collective bargaining agreement is a three-year contract running from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023. The present request seeks funding for FY21 and FY22 for the incremental costs contained in the collective bargaining agreement. Accordingly, pursuant to the applicable provisions of Chapter 150E, an estimate of the funding necessary to support the incremental cost items contained in the attached duly executed Memorandum of Agreement for Fiscal Years, 2021, 2022 and 2023 is enclosed. The estimate is attached hereto as <u>Attachment B</u>.

This contract was negotiated on behalf of the Board of Higher Education in accordance with the guidance and financial parameters received from the Commonwealth's Office of Employee Relations and Executive Office of Education.

If you are need of further information on the agreement or the funding needed to implement it, please do not hesitate to contact Joe Wallerstein, Interim Deputy Commissioner for Administration and Finance.

Sincerely,

Carlos Santiago Commissioner

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Enclosures (2)

Christopher Gabrieli, Chairman, Board of Higher Education

Hon. Karen Spilka, President of the Senate

Hon. Ronald Mariano, Speaker of the House of Representatives

Hon. Michael Rodrigues, Chair, Senate Ways and Means Committee

Hon. Aaron Michlewitz, Chair, House Ways and Means Committee

Hon. Anne Gobi, Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Higher Education

Hon. David Rogers, House Chair, Joint Committee on Higher Education

Michael Hefferenan, Secretary of Administration and Finance

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William McNamara, Comptroller of the Commonwealth

Jeff McCue, Chief Human Resources Officer, Human Resources Division

John Langan, Director, Office of Employee Relations

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