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Mr. Jay Dardenne
Commissioner of Administration
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Dear Commissioner Dardenne:

As directed by your January 21, 2016 memo, the Board of Regents has worked closely with the four system Presidents to develop plans for a potential \$131 million cut to the higher education FY 2016 budget. These plans are attached.

We welcome the continued strong support of the Governor and his administration for higher education in Louisiana. At the same time, we would be remiss in not underscoring the devastating impact of these potential budget reductions on higher education, its students, faculty and staff. The impact will be especially felt in our ability to prepare employees for the high demand, high wage jobs now available in Louisiana and those we expect to see in the coming months and years.

We remain committed to working with you and others to achieve a stable and sustainable source of funding for public higher education now and into the future. We strongly urge that new sources of funds be made available so that long term stability for higher education may be realized.

Sincerely,

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Richard A. Lipsey
Chair, Board of Regents

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Attachments

c: System Presidents