



May 11, 2022

The Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor  
State of New York  
Executive Chamber  
The Capitol  
Albany, New York 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

I write to reiterate the Capital Region Chamber's strong support for your plan to reunite the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) and the University at Albany.

Prior to the separation of these institutions, enrollment in UAlbany's CNSE was increasing. Since the separation, enrollment at CNSE has unfortunately seen a steady decline. This is alarming because expanding enrollment is one way to ensure that both entities have the resources and the necessary research infrastructure to realize their full potential for New York. Enrollment drives not just financial stability but research potential.

Not surprisingly, CNSE's faculty strongly supports reunification because it will enhance CNSE's/UAlbany's position as a world-class research institution, which benefits students, faculty and the entire state. The state's recent \$75 million investment in the Albany AI Supercomputing Initiative at UAlbany underscores both the existing value and enormous potential of reunification as a tool expand the size and diversity of New York's tech workforce and, in doing so, attract industry partners who will drive economic growth.

For that reason, your plan also will greatly improve the state's competitiveness in attracting the National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) to the Albany Nanotech Complex.

We look forward to hearing soon about the next steps in advancing this important reunification, and the Chamber stands ready to assist you in this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mark N. Eagan'.

Mark N. Eagan, CCE  
President and CEO

CC: Capital Region Legislative Delegation

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