

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

October 3, 2017

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo  
Governor  
New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

The Honorable John J. Flanagan  
Temporary President and Majority Leader  
New York State Senate  
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Albany, NY 12247

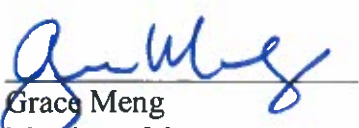
The Honorable Carl E. Heastie  
Speaker  
New York State Assembly  
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Albany, NY 12248

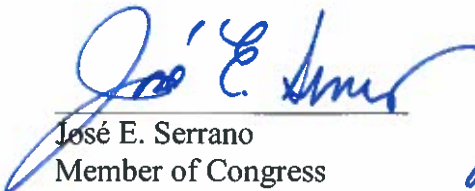
Dear Governor Cuomo, Speaker Heastie, and President Flanagan:

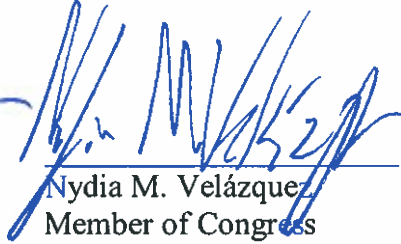
We thank you for supporting the people of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands while they recover from the devastation caused by recent hurricanes, and for comforting their many loved ones who call New York State home. We write to request that you also support those who have been physically displaced by this summer's hurricanes. Specifically, we request that persons from Puerto Rico or the U.S. Virgin Islands who have been displaced as a result of hurricanes Harvey, Irma, or Maria be treated as New York residents when determining tuition rates at any public New York institution of higher education.

Recovery estimates for many impacted areas are growing from months to years, and for many Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands residents relocation will be their only option. Because of our state's strong ties to both territories, it is likely that a significant number will move here. We want every person impacted by these storms to know that New York cares, and that they are welcome. Providing in-state tuition will ensure that college students who have been displaced from their studies in the territories will have a better opportunity to continue their education without disruption. We thank you for your attention to this important matter, and look forward to working with you in support of legislation that may be required to satisfy this request. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us, anytime, for assistance with this matter.


Sincerely,

  
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Member of Congress

  
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Member of Congress

  
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Mr. James B. Milliken, Chancellor of the City University of New York