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Dear Members of the New Jersey State Senate:

Re: Please Support S-2063 (Norcross / Vitale / Sweeney) the “Medical Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act” & S-2500 (Sweeney / Kean / Vitale) the “Building our Future Bond Act”

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO respectfully asks for your support of the above two bills.

Working with the Higher Education Healthcare Coalition which consists of 13 different unions representing 30,000 unionized employees at UMDNJ, Rutgers and Rowan, we thank the sponsors for including significant protections for workers on the issues of collective bargaining, civil service, seniority, maintenance of benefits, maintenance of collective bargaining units as well as layoffs in the Medical Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act. The legislation also maintains all healthcare and community services provided by UMDNJ and University Hospital as well as continuing the spirit and practice of the Newark Agreements.

Passage of the “Building our Future Bond Act” will modernize campus facilities and create a learning environment that will not only help increase student achievement and aid faculty but it will help keep New Jersey students here in New Jersey when they go to college. The act will also help to create jobs in the construction industry during this period of high employment.

Thank you for your consideration and we ask for your support of these two bills.

Sincerely,

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