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December 13, 2017

Mr. Paul Potamianos
Executive Budget Officer
Office of Policy and Management
450 Capital Avenue
Hartford, CT 06134

Dear Mr. Potamianos:

I am writing today to respond to the request for a reduction option for FY 2019 per the memo dated December 1, 2017.

UConn's FY 2019 appropriation has already been cut by \$57.1M from the FY17 appropriated amount. Additionally, the expectation that the FY18 lapses will be carried forward further reduces the FY19 amount by \$13.4M. These drastic cuts leave the appropriation at 2004 levels, despite inflation, increased fringe benefit costs and significant growth in enrollment, faculty, and academic prominence. In order to balance the FY18 budget, UConn has already implemented spending cuts, imposed a strategic hiring freeze, increased enrollment and delayed, deferred or cancelled some capital projects and deferred maintenance. We have also raised tuition and fees. Major reductions in State support to UConn erodes gains made in educational advancement, reduces affordability for students and challenges UConn's ability to fuel the State's economic growth. Any further cut in FY19 would have an extremely adverse impact on the University.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katrina" followed by a stylized flourish.

Katrina Spencer
Associate Vice President for Budget and Planning

cc: Scott Jordan, Executive Vice President for Administration and CFO
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