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Hon. Todd Kaminsky  
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Dear Senator Kaminsky,

In follow up to our recent meeting in your district office, I want to thank you again for your support of Stony Brook University and your assistance in helping us to secure \$50 million in the FY20/21 budget to support the construction of a new engineering building on campus.

As we discussed, Stony Brook's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (CEAS) has seen an unprecedented 75% growth in enrollment over the past ten years. CEAS awards the greatest number of engineering degrees in New York State and ranks 19<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

With this new building, CEAS will collaborate with Stony Brook's School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences, Center of Excellence in Advanced Energy and other departments to help tackle critical challenges including climate change and the artificial intelligence driven economy. The goals you set in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act will require a new generation of engineers and innovative thinkers trained in a state-of-the-art engineering facility.

Stony Brook received a \$25M SAM grant in 2018 to begin the design phase for a new \$100 million, 100,000 gross-square-foot engineering building. This second round of requested funding coupled with our commitment to raise \$25 million in private donations will enable us to move this important project forward.

Once again, thank you for your leadership and your continued support of Stony Brook University and this important initiative for Long Island. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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