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RE: Governor's Proposed FY2016 State Budget

I am a faculty member at Castleton State College. I want to testify to the effect that any decreases in Vermont's already pathetic appropriations to higher education would be unconscionable. The Vermont State Colleges' charter asserts that the colleges will be supported by appropriations in whole or in large part. Our current budget is "supported" less than !0% by the state.

The legislature needs to step up to its responsibilities to our state colleges, and increase the amount of support, not to consider further cuts, regardless of the fiscal situation.

Sincerely,

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