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March 25, 2022

Honorable Kathy Hochul  
Governor of New York State  
Capitol Building, Executive Chamber  
Albany, NY 12224

Dr. Heidi Macpherson  
Office of the President  
SUNY Brockport  
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Brockport, NY 14420

Acting Chancellor Deborah F. Stanley  
SUNY System Administration  
H. Carl McCall SUNY Building  
353 Broadway  
Albany, NY 12246

Dear Governor Hochul, Acting Chancellor Stanley, and SUNY Brockport President Macpherson:

We are writing to you to demand SUNY Brockport *immediately* rescind Jalil Muntaqim's (aka Anthony Bottom) invitation to speak on campus on April 6th. Giving this convicted cop killer a platform on a publicly funded state campus sends a message to every police officer and their families that New York State does not care about them or their welfare.

The college placing this man on a pedestal is outrageous and an insult to the families of officers Waverly Jones and Joseph Piagentini, who've had to live with the pain of their losses for decades. Likewise, the college's branding of Mr. Muntaqim as a "political prisoner" is without any basis for a man who committed two counts of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder when he ambushed and killed two NYPD officers in cold blood and showed no remorse or repentance. We believe a cop killer using a public campus and public resources paid for with state tax dollars to advance his political agenda is absolutely disgraceful. This false narrative feeds the frenzy of lawlessness in our state and disrespect for those who defend and protect our law abiding society.

New Yorkers support our men and women in blue. Our offices have received numerous calls from constituents stressing the importance of public officials standing up for law enforcement and the Jones and Piagentini families. As people in positions of influence and power, we have a responsibility to unite rather than divide. Inviting this individual to speak will only divide us, especially at a time when political polarization is at its highest.

We thank you for listening to our concerns and we welcome the opportunity to speak further on this issue so we may bring the situation to an end.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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12<sup>th</sup> Assembly District



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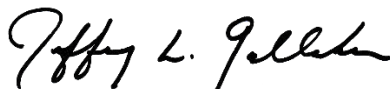
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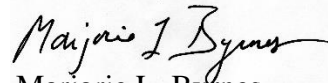
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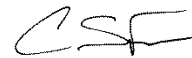
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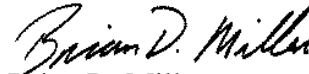
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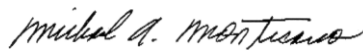
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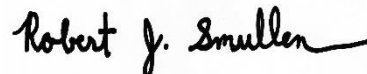
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