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|  | **THE NYS ASSEMBLY AND SENATE PROPOSED FY22 BUDGET PACKAGES HAVE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES SLATED FOR STATE AID PROGRAMS**  **SUPPORT THESE INCREASES NOW AND CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS!**  The template below is designed to help you share support with your Assembly and/or Senate representatives. To obtain name/email information for your elected representatives, click <https://www.nysfaaa.org/student-advocacy-2021> to access the member lookup links and copy contact information into the letter. \*\*Please Send Your Letters of Support by no later than Friday, March 26\*\* |  |
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Dear [Type the salutation]

I urge you to invest in college students and protect student aid in the 2021-22 New York State Budget.

As a member of the New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association (NYSFAAA), an association of student financial aid professionals from across the state representing all sectors of our diverse higher education system, my work supports students in achieving their higher education goals.

I am grateful to the Legislature for proposing to increase the maximum Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) awards by $1,000, this would be the first significant increase in TAP award amounts in over 20 years! TAP helps students from low- and moderate-income families achieve their college dreams. I support meaningful TAP Awards, which also includes eliminating disparities in access and standardizing TAP Award Schedules. It is incredibly important that this funding be part of the final budget.

Opportunity programs (EOP, HEOP, College Discovery, SEEK, CSTEP, STEP, and Liberty Partnerships) also need the additional funding proposed by the Legislature for proper support of students struggling through this pandemic. These programs serve some of our most vulnerable students with demonstrated success through effective programming, access and academic support. Helping these students is critical to the future of New York and our state’s recovery from the pandemic.

Bundy Aid is another critical student aid program that deserves support. Thank you to the Legislature for prioritizing this funding that helps make college more affordable. Maintaining this funding provides direct student aid support to students attending Independent Sector institutions.

Please support this critical funding in the FY 2022 New York State Budget. Thank you for supporting students and standing up for student aid.

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