

Dear State Legislators:

In accordance with Governor Sisolak's recommended 12% budget cut for all NSHE institutions over the next biennium, CSN has worked to reduce expenses, consolidate operations, and made the necessary cuts to do our part during this budget crisis. Fortunately, we are able to maintain operations in order to provide quality educational opportunities for our students both in-person and online. I urge you to consider that any additional cuts would inevitably result in the suspension or elimination of courses and/or programs and a reduction of employees within the college. Discussions continue regarding additional cuts to two components of NSHE's state funding: the first being what is known as **Caseload Growth** funding and the second, **Capacity Enhancement** funds. I implore you to consider that any changes to these funding mechanisms, on top of the 12% reduction, will be damaging to CSN.

## Caseload Growth

- These dollars are used as a catch-up provision in the NSHE state budget. When CSN serves more students than we are funded for, we don't see funding for those students until the following biennium.
- These funds will be used to support the additional caseload growth/students (growth of 36,555 weighted student credit hours at CSN) with enhancements to direct instruction, academic support, direct student support, and areas of compliance and accreditation.
- Funding Requested: \$6M for CSN per fiscal year

## Capacity Building Enhancements

- Budget to build capacity NSHE-wide and support workforce growth and economic development
- Supports CSN's development of short term training programs to help retrain displaced workers
- Funds CSN's skilled trades/apprenticeships and Weekend College options and regular instruction in high demand occupations, including Advanced Manufacturing, Cybersecurity/IT, and HealthSciences
- Funds CSN's multi-campus initiative, support for Promise Scholarship/Summer Bridge, and CSN's completion initiative, including dual enrollment
- Funding Requested: \$5.8M for CSN per fiscal year

Thank you for your support on behalf of CSN, higher education, and the economic prosperity of our State in the future. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you if you would like additional information. You can reach me at [Federico.Zaragoza@CSN.edu](mailto:Federico.Zaragoza@CSN.edu) or (702) 957-2753.



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