



Robert L. Barchi, President

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Ms. Mary Mickelsen
University Senate
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
Liberty Plaza, Suite 1200
College Avenue Campus

Dear Ms. Mickelsen:

I am writing in response to the University Senate's report and recommendations on Charge S-1706, Sale of Alcohol in Stadiums. I thank the members of the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee, formed for the review of this item, for their work on this issue.

I agree with the Senate's findings that there are multiple factors, both positive and negative, to be weighed in considering such a change to our operations at these venues, and the potential resultant financial, reputational, and public safety outcomes. Given these factors, I want to ensure that this matter receives the deliberate and serious consideration it deserves before making a decision on whether and how to proceed. To that end, I intend to consult with student leadership, athletic leadership, and members of our governing boards, and I will share my conclusion once those consultations are complete.

I appreciate the time and attention the Senate and the ad hoc committee has devoted to these very important issues.

Sincerely,

Robert Barchi

c: Mary DiMartino, Chair, Rutgers University Board of Trustees
Patrick Hobbs, Director, Intercollegiate Athletics
Sandy Stewart, Chair, Rutgers University Board of Governors