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**Subject:** RE: SAS Chairs and Directors Response to Proposed Cuts

Good evening, Dr. Matisse and Dr. Dowd,

Thank you for your original e-mail and follow-up note.

President Tate reviewed the budget letter submitted by the School of Arts and Sciences–New Brunswick department chairs and program directors. Thank you for the time and care you devoted to drafting this collective letter, and for your leadership in responding to this important matter.

At this time, we encourage you to continue working closely with Chancellor Conway and the appropriate members of her leadership team as you engage in this budget process, ensuring alignment with the strategic priorities of Rutgers– New Brunswick.

Sincerely,

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