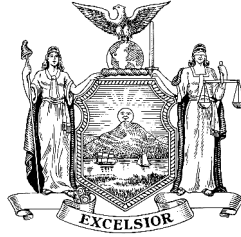


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February 5, 2015

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
Governor of New York State
NYS Capitol Building, Executive Chamber
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Cuomo,

With the help of the Buffalo Billion and the unprecedented investments made in Western New York the last four years, Niagara Falls is making a comeback. Though a lot has been accomplished, there is still work to do. The next step we should take to further improve the Niagara Falls economy is approving Niagara University's application to become a partner in the Start-Up NY program.

As an alumnus of Niagara University, I know firsthand the positive impact the school has on our community. If their application is approved, the school is sure to pick the best possible businesses to partner with to help create jobs and advance the university's academic mission. It would be a win-win-win for Niagara University, the city of Niagara Falls, and the state of New York.

Therefore, I ask that you approve Niagara University's application for Start-Up NY designation. I am ready to assist both Niagara University and your office through this process and will help in any way to get this application approved. Thank you for your attention to this issue, I look forward to working with you on this and other economic development initiatives in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Ceretto".

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