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Matthew Cole
Deputy Commissioner Administration, Finance, and Operations
Finance Massachusetts Department of Higher
Education One Ashburton Place, Room 1401 Boston, MA 02108

Dear Deputy Commissioner Cole,

As you know, Berkshire Community College serves a diverse population of traditional and non-traditional students from Berkshire County. Given our westernmost location, we also attract students from contiguous states, including Connecticut, Vermont, and New York.

Berkshire Community College fully endorses the tuition program approved by the Department of Higher Education, which considers a resident of New York on the same basis as a resident of Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, and Rhode Island. In the fall semester of the 2023-2024 academic year, 24 residents of New York attended Berkshire Community College.

This tuition program contributes to the overall vitality of our student population without displacing any residents of Massachusetts. In fact, related fees generated by residents of New York strengthen both academic programs and student services at Berkshire Community College for the benefit of all students.

Thanks very much for your continued support of this important tuition program, which is also a positive for residents of Massachusetts. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,



Ellen Kennedy