

# The New Jersey State Conference of the American Association of University Professors

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Governor-Elect Christopher Christie  
46 Corey Lane  
Mendham, NJ 07945

Dear Governor-elect Christie:

On behalf of the New Jersey State Conference of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP), I congratulate you on your election as Governor and Kim Guadagno's election as New Jersey's first Lieutenant Governor.

Although the AAUP has a policy of not endorsing candidates for public office, we are willing to help with the challenges that face our state, our students, and our institutions of higher education. AAUP's faculty members are very much involved in our local and university communities and therefore know firsthand the concerns of our students and fellow citizens.

We believe that New Jersey's institutions of higher education should be supported by your administration to ensure our state's academic quality, diversity, and potential to attract jobs requiring well-educated employees. Higher education should lead the fight for greater transparency and accountability of our public resources. Without transparency and accountability, our students, our research and our communities suffer.

We are ready to stand with you so that New Jersey's institutions of higher education stand out in the minds of New Jersey citizens as a great reflection of our state's academic quality, its diversity, and its economic growth and vitality. We are willing to assist in the transition period and forward. I would welcome a meeting with you to introduce myself, and the members I represent to discuss these issues with you.

It is our hope that you have a smooth transition and a successful tenure as our next Governor.

Respectfully,

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