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Dear Commissioners and Co-Executive Directors of the New York State Board of Elections:

This letter is a follow up letter to the ones we sent you in the Spring and Summer. As you know, our organizations are concerned with youth voter participation and we wrote urging the Board to review polling locations to ensure that all covered colleges have polling locations placed on campus for the upcoming General Election.

In our original letter, we included an analysis conducted by NYPIRG that showed some number of colleges in the state do not have on-campus poll sites even though many have a significant number of students living on campus. We argued at that time that the survey's findings raised important questions and we urged the Board to investigate to ensure that the rights of young voters registered in their college communities are being protected as required under the law.

We have now reviewed the locations of polling sites for the General Election and found few changes with regards to including polling locations on college campuses. Below are 20 four-year colleges that have on campus housing, a full-time student population of more than 1,000 and whose nearest polling place is a mile or more away from campus. We would like to understand how the law requiring a polling place on or contiguous to college campuses with 300 or more registered voters is being applied in these cases. To that end, we are requesting under the Freedom of Information Law any communications and documents related to the decisions to not include polling places on the campuses listed below.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Ben Weinberg, Citizens Union  
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cc: State Senator Zellnor Myrie  
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| CAMPUS   | CITY             | DORMS (Y/N) | POLLING PLACE ON CAMPUS | DISTANCE TO NEAREST PRIMARY POLLING PLACE (Miles) | DISTANCE TO NEAREST GENERAL ELECTION POLLING PLACE (if different from primary) |
|--|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Nazareth College                                   | Rochester        | Y           | N                       | 1   | No change  |
| State University of New York at Potsdam            | Potsdam          | Y           | N                       | 1   | No change  |
| Mount Saint Mary College                           | Newburgh         | Y           | N                       | 1.1   | No change  |
| State University of New York at Delhi              | Delhi            | Y           | N                       | 1.1   | 2.3  |
| Utica College                                      | Utica            | Y           | N                       | 1.1   | No change  |
| Molloy College                                     | Rockville Centre | Y           | N                       | 1.2   | No change  |
| College of Staten Island                           | Staten Island    | Y           | N                       | 1.4   | No change  |
| Hamilton College                                   | Clinton          | Y           | N                       | 1.5   | No change  |
| State University of New York at Oneonta            | Oneonta          | Y           | N                       | 1.5   | No change  |
| LIU Post   | Greenvale        | Y           | N                       | 1.6   | No change  |
| United States Military Academy                     | West Point       | Y           | N                       | 1.6   | No change  |
| State University of New York Polytechnic Institute | Utica, Marcy     | Y           | N                       | 1.7   | No change  |
| St. John Fisher                                    | Pittsford        | Y           | N                       | 1.8   | No change  |
| Dominican College                                  | Orangeburg       | Y           | N                       | 1.9   | No change  |
| State University of New York at Farmingdale        | Farmingdale      | Y           | N                       | 2   | No change  |
| St. Bonaventure University                         | Allegany         | Y           | N                       | 2.1   | 1.6  |

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| Niagara University                           | Lewiston     | Y | N | 2.1 | No change |
| Culinary Institute of America                | Hyde Park    | Y | N | 2.8 | No change |
| New York Institute of Technology             | Old Westbury | Y | N | 3   | No change |
| State University of New York at Old Westbury | Old Westbury | Y | N | 4.7 | No change |