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The Honorable Ras J. Baraka
Mayor
Office of the Mayor
920 Broad Street, Room 200
Newark, NJ 07102

Dear Mayor Baraka,

Thank you for your recent letter, and our phone conversation last week, regarding Rutgers University–Newark Chancellor Nancy Cantor.

As I told you when we spoke together, I agree that Chancellor Cantor has been a remarkable leader for the university and an inspired partner with the people and institutions of Newark. As enumerated both in your letter and in my message to the Rutgers community, she has contributed in a multitude of ways to strengthening the connection between Rutgers and the city, and she has set the highest of standards for anchor institutions nationally.

We will soon begin the search process to identify and appoint a successor for Chancellor Cantor, with the expectation that this individual will begin their tenure next summer. In conducting our search, we will insist that the new chancellor exhibit the same kind of commitment to community partnerships and empowerment that Nancy Cantor has demonstrated since she first arrived at Rutgers nearly a decade ago. I recognize that she will be a very difficult act to follow, but the initiatives she has launched and championed, and her example of public engagement and partnership, will give the incoming chancellor a terrific model to guide their own leadership of Rutgers–Newark. Equally important, the excellent work that Chancellor Cantor has been leading is being stewarded and executed by a superb team of dedicated faculty and administrators across Rutgers–Newark, and I have every confidence that this work will continue.

As I hope you already know, I am personally committed to Newark's success, and you will see further evidence of that in our selection of a new chancellor for Rutgers University–Newark.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Holloway". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

Jonathan Holloway

cc: M. Teresa Ruiz, Senate Majority Leader
Shanique Speight, Assemblywoman
Eliana Pintor Marin, Assemblywoman
John Schreiber, President and CEO, NJ Performing Arts Center
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