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March 9, 2023

Dr. Christopher Ames President, Russell Sage College Russell Sage College 65 1st Street Troy, NY 12180

Dear Dr. Christopher Ames:

On March 29, 2023, beginning at 10 am and continuing through 2 pm, the Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government (COELIG), created by New York's Ethics Commission Reform Act of 2022 with a mandate to restore public trust in our state's government, will be conducting a public hearing to take testimony and review comments on its operations and performance to date and with respect to each of the subjects enumerated in the attached Notice of Hearing.

On behalf of the Commission, I am inviting your organization to participate in the hearing. Witnesses may testify in person at the main hearing site, New York Law School; at the Commission's offices in Albany; or by videoconference. Written testimony, comments and any other pertinent information may also be submitted to the Commission through the links provided in the hearing notice and on our website, <u>ethics.ny.gov</u>. The hearing will also be livestreamed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions or require additional information.

Your views, comments and suggestions are important to us. We look forward to your participation in this significant evaluative process.

Sincerely,

Sanford N. Berland Executive Director

Copy to Frederick A. Davie, Acting Chair

Attachment.