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I am Professor Jayashree Kamblé from the English department at LaGuardia Community College. I urge the CUNY Board of Trustees to continue the great work of the university, whose mission and vision has been to support this city's most underserved. I ask that you come to the collective bargaining table and work with us in good faith and in a timely manner so that faculty and staff can continue our mission to support the current and incoming cohorts of students, all of whom have been negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Instructors in classrooms that are overcrowded and under-sourced cannot be educators in the true sense. We become hall monitors. Faculty and staff that are worried about their financial ability to live in the city and take care of their own families cannot be optimum resources to communities that are already marginalized. This city runs because of CUNY graduates. I urge you to work collectively with us to help them, help ourselves, and dare I say, help the country, for whom we are the engine. Be our allies against tuition increases and outdated infrastructure that different administrations prefer to overlook and against attacks on academic freedom that we must repel if we are truly to remain a university. We—students, staff, and faculty—are counting on you. We must be bold and set the standard for a rigorous and kind university, not just for our peer contemporary higher education institutions but also for the generation to come.