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I hosted a baby shower this weekend, so I didn't have much time to write this testimony. Hmm, I thought, what better time to learn ChatGPT? Prompts and edits were mine.

I asked ChatGPT to start out with a joke (it took four tries):

> A professor, an adjunct assistant professor, and a lecturer walk into a bar. The bartender looks up and says, "Is this some kind of academic joke?" The professor replies, "No, we're just here to unwind and explore the implications of alcohol consumption on social bonding." The adjunct assistant professor adds, "And to lament the job market." The lecturer chimes in, "Well, at least we can afford a round of drinks with our combined salaries."

Time to get straight to the point. CUNY central has told the colleges to cut back on spending, and particularly to cut back on their "adjunct budgets." What say you, ChatGPT?

> Laying off the lowest paid, most productive workers may save money in the short term, but in the long run, it can turn out to be penny wise and pound foolish. Here's why: It can lead to a loss of productivity, increased costs for hiring and training new employees, decreased morale among remaining staff, damage to the organization's reputation, and missed opportunities for innovation and growth. So, while it may seem like a cost-saving move initially, it can end up being a costly decision overall.

I wondered if ChatGPT could argue against racist austerity:

> In a vibrant city like New York, where diversity thrives and cultures intersect, it is imperative that every citizen, regardless of background, receive the best education possible. For the citizens of color in New York who depend on the City University for their higher education, it is not just a matter of desire -- it

is their right. It is evident that settling for a subpar, budget-conscious education for students of color is a form of racism.

Education is the gateway to empowerment, and denying these individuals access to a high-quality education hinders their growth and perpetuates inequality.

Education is the foundation upon which dreams are built, opportunities are seized, and potential is unleashed. Denying students of color the chance to access a top-tier education not only stifles their personal growth but also limits the progress of our society as a whole. We must recognize that a cheapskate education for these students is not just a matter of financial constraint or oversight; it is a form of systemic racism that perpetuates inequality.

When we invest in providing the best education for every student, we uplift our communities, empower our future leaders, and create a more inclusive and prosperous society. We send a powerful message that we are committed to breaking down the barriers that have historically hindered their progress. Their success is not only a personal achievement but a victory for justice and equality.

And finally, I asked ChatGPT to tell CUNY to come to the table and bargain a fair contract with the PSC:

Today, I stand before you as a proud member of the Professional Staff Congress, representing the dedicated and hardworking individuals who make CUNY function day in and day out. We are the backbone of this institution, and CUNY simply cannot run without our honest and unwavering labor.

We are not just a few voices; we are many, and we are united. It is high time that our contributions are recognized and that we are given the respect we have earned.

We call upon the administration of CUNY to come to the table and engage in meaningful negotiations to establish a fair contract, one that acknowledges the value we bring to this institution and ensures that our working conditions and compensation reflect the importance of our work.

Our demands are not unreasonable. By investing in us, CUNY invests in the success and prosperity of its students and the community as a whole.

We are the heartbeat of CUNY, and our labor is indispensable.

Chat GPT thanks you, and I too will thank you if you do the right thing.