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To: Members of the New Jersey State Legislature

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Rutgers' plan to grant admission to all educationally and economically disadvantaged high school graduates in Newark, New Brunswick, and Camden is viewed as the necessary first step in opening college doors to all New Jersey students who are currently prevented from attending college because they are poor or because they have not received adequate preparation. For the program to be successful the State Colleges and the Community Colleges must undertake similar programs.

Under the program which will be established as a result of the Rutgers Board of Governors' meeting on Friday, the standards for educationally and economically disadvantaged students will be those established by the Federal Government for eligibility for Educational Opportunity Grants.

I must emphasize that the University's pioneering program is a supplemental one which will not affect either standards for degrees or the number of students admitted to our undergraduate colleges under the traditional admissions system. What the University is trying to do in essence under this new policy is to allow students who graduate from high school unprepared for college because of educational or economic deprivations an opportunity to benefit from higher education.

*Mason W. Gross*