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Statement by William E. Scheuerman, President of United University Professions Regarding the Selection of John Ryan as SUNY Chancellor

"We are encouraged by the SUNY Board of Trustees' decision choosing John Ryan as chancellor.

"As Acting Chancellor, John Ryan has been a strong advocate for SUNY, as shown in part by his call for more full-time faculty to allow SUNY to grow. We hope as Chancellor, that Ryan continues down this same path.

"We look forward to working with Chancellor Ryan in growing SUNY for the benefit of all New Yorkers."

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