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OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER
THOMAS P. DINAPOLI
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Dear Mr. DiNapoli,

As requested, we are providing our comments to the final report "State University of New York Compliance with the Clery Act," (2016-F-4). The report acknowledges that SUNY officials made considerable progress implementing the recommendations in the initial audit. Of the initial report's two audit recommendations, both were partially implemented.

The status of the recommendations and our comments where appropriate follow:

Recommendation 1

Take steps to enhance compliance with the Clery Act, including but not limited to:

- **Provide a checklist to assist SUNY colleges in preparing the ASRs, including all required policy and procedure statements and reporting requirements.**
Status: Implemented.
- **Periodically compare statistics between the ASR and the DoE website as priorities and resources allow, and follow up with colleges to correct discrepancies.**
Status: Implemented.
- **Have the University Auditor perform more audits of SUNY college compliance with the Clery Act as priorities and resources allow.**
Status: Implemented.
- **Revise SUNY Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics and Reporting procedures to define the extent of the required ASR review.**
Status: SUNY continues to believe the procedures as written are adequate and provide flexibility to allow the Office of the University Police the ability to make the most effective use of its resources, while conducting holistic high-level reviews of campus Clery Act compliance.

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Recommendation 2

Investigate and correct any errors and discrepancies in the ASR and DoE statistics identified in this report to ensure compliance with the Clery Act.

Status: Most of the campuses made the necessary corrections prior to OSC's follow-up review and the remaining campuses are working to address any necessary changes.

SUNY would like to note that student safety continues to be of utmost importance to SUNY and we remain committed to ensuring that our campuses are safe, our campus policies are effective, and our crime reporting is accurate.

We thank the audit staff of OSC for their work and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eileen McLoughlin".

Eileen McLoughlin

Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Chief Financial Officer

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