



National Association of Government Employees

AFFILIATED WITH THE SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION

May 26, 2022

Michael Collins, Chancellor
Office of the Chancellor
55 Lake Avenue North, S1-340
Worcester, MA 01655

Dear Chancellor Collins:

In a letter dated March 22, 2022, I wrote to you to formally request that we re-open the wage portion of the recently negotiated and ratified state collective bargaining agreements (CBA) between NAGE and the Commonwealth. To date, I have not received a response to that letter. I am writing again to reiterate that request, as I have done with Governor Baker (see attached).

In our previous letter, we cited extraordinary revenue improvements, as well as historically high inflation, as justification for significant improvements in cost-of-living adjustments. Those conditions have only become more acute, with revenue running at record highs and inflation continuing unabated. With raises at 2% per year, your workforce is continuing to lose ground in dramatic measure.

After years of falling behind, you have a unique opportunity, given the states access to once in a lifetime funds, to ensure that our higher education workforce is truly whole and adequately compensated. I urge your strong consideration of this request. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to your response so that we may work quickly to reevaluate and adjust the salaries of our workers to more appropriate levels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Holway'.

David J. Holway
National President