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Dear VADM Ryan:

I want to thank you for your letter of December 21, 2004 following my letter of December 13, 2005, in which I suggested we meet to discuss issues of mutual concern while efforts continue to reach an agreement with SUNY.

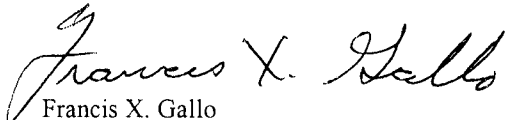
I am disappointed my suggestion to meet was not addressed in your response, as we were led to believe by the same "original mediators" you mention in your letter that it might be mutually beneficial to do so. Clearly, someone was misunderstood, which is one of the many pitfalls when "intermediaries" are used.

The suggestion that a handshake agreement was reached this past fall is apparently another such misunderstanding. The only communication we have had from SUNY and/or the New York State Legislative Staff since we submitted our second proposal last July is a letter from Mr. Michael Trunzo of SUNY, dated December 6, 2004, thanking us for our July proposal and for our continued efforts in trying to reach an agreement. Mr. Trunzo also indicated he would arrange a meeting to resume discussions.

I remain hopeful that you and I will, for the sake of the college and the Cadets, sit down and begin a dialogue. In the meantime, the Alumni Association will continue to proceed as we have for the past year – working to conclude an acceptable agreement with SUNY, serving our membership and supporting the College.

In closing, I have to say how truly bewildered I am by the fact that one year after the Alumni Association was directed to leave the campus, the Maritime College remains the only campus within the entire State University of New York system forced to take this extreme course of action. We, too, are hoping to put this behind us this year.

Very truly yours,


Francis X. Gallo
President

cc: Membership, SUNY Maritime College Alumni Association