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Student Body President Quattrocchi Meets with Governor Shapiro

Philadelphia, PA (March 15, 2023) - This past Monday, I had the opportunity to virtually meet with Governor Shapiro following his recent Budget Address to the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Among the topics we discussed, we focused on the crucial issues of the cost of living, climate change, public safety, mental health, and college affordability. We also discussed the governor's policy agenda on vocational trades and training, protecting reproductive rights, and strengthening Pennsylvania's economy while ensuring we all share in its benefits. Most importantly, we discussed Pennsylvania's state appropriations to higher education.

As a state-related university, we receive annual support from the state legislature to keep in-state tuition low, and this funding is critical in ensuring a Temple University education remains as accessible and affordable as possible. Our state funding is a critical component of the university budget, and we are incredibly grateful for the Governor's proposed 7% increase for Temple's appropriations, providing us with \$169.4 million to offset tuition costs.

With Temple's appropriation vote quickly approaching, we encourage all students to contact their state legislators and discuss the importance and value these funds have for you. Use Temple's Owl Advocates program to write letters to your state representatives and senators and join us on April 26th for our annual Owls On The Hill in Harrisburg to meet with legislators and discuss the value of their support and a Temple education. Ensuring Pennsylvania continues to support Temple is critical to our mission of providing an affordable education and investing in the future, and we must all do our part to advocate for it.

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