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Ms. Tania Tetlow
President
Fordham University
441 East Fordham Road
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Dear President Tetlow:

I am writing regarding the ongoing negotiations towards a new contract between the union of Fordham University's non-tenure track faculty, represented by SEIU Local 200United, and the university administration.

I understand that the union and university administration have been negotiating towards a contract since March, 2022 and that despite more than 20 bargaining sessions, the current contract extension expired on November 2. I appreciate that these negotiations are complex, but I am concerned by reports that the administration's latest proposal for compensation for non-tenure track full-time and part-time faculty does not take into account the impact of the cost of living in the New York City area.

As Chair of the New York State Senate Education Committee, I believe that Fordham University's mission to provide a student-centered education based on close collaboration among students and faculty can best be fulfilled when members of the faculty are compensated fairly and free of other concerns. Therefore, I urge you to bargain in good faith and work promptly towards an agreement that is beneficial for all concerned.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley B. Mayer".

Shelley B. Mayer