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## **Association of Proprietary Colleges (APC) Urges Legislature to Reject Governor's TAP Cuts**

Testifying at the 2006-2007 Joint Legislative Budget Hearings on Higher Education today, Ellen Hollander, President of the Association of Proprietary Colleges (APC), called upon the State Legislature to reject the Governor's proposed cuts to the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).

Joining Ms. Hollander at the hearing were Charles Callahan, who leads Plaza College in Queens, Elizabeth Marcuse, President of the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising in Manhattan, Marc Jerome, Vice President of Monroe College serving students in New Rochelle and the Bronx, John Crossley from the Utica School of Commerce and Salina Suarez, a graduate of Monroe College.

Ms. Hollander outlined how the Governor's proposed TAP cuts would hurt student achievement, and reduce the number of skilled graduates available to the New York State economy.

"The Governor's proposed TAP cuts are unnecessary roadblocks to achievement and economic success," said Ellen Hollander. "If adopted, these proposals will have a disastrous effect on the futures of thousands of determined students."

Ms. Hollander's full testimony is attached.

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