

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

July 31, 2013

The Honorable Tom Vilsack
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary:

I am pleased to write in support of Corning Community College's application for funding under the *USDA Rural Development Loan Program*. Such funding will enable Corning Community College to renovate and expand its Spencer Hill Campus.

Corning Community College was founded in 1956 by the Corning-Painted Post School District. Today it is a proud member of the SUNY system with a 550-acre main campus. The college also provides services at several off-campus locations throughout Steuben, Chemung and Schuyler Counties. Since its founding, Corning Community College has become an integral part of the Southern Tier. The aforementioned funding will allow the College to expand its main campus at Spencer Hill and continue its prolific and productive growth.

With funding, Corning Community College will make expansions and renovations to the Arthur A. Houghton, Jr. Library, the Student Commons building, and the Gymnasium, and will construct a new turf field. These renovations, coupled with the new residence hall opening on campus this fall, bring exciting opportunities for serving students on campus. I applaud Corning Community College for its foresight, and hope its application for funding meets with your approval.

Thank you for your consideration. For additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Grants Director, Marissa Emanuel, in my Washington office at 202-224-6542.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Schumer
United States Senator