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SENATOR MICHAEL N. GIANARIS
12TH DISTRICT
DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER

November 20, 2020

David Coleman, CEO
College Board
250 Vesey Street
New York, New York 10281

Dear Mr. Coleman,

I write with serious concerns about the administration of the SAT exam for students seeking college admission in the fall of 2021. Students and parents throughout New York are anxious about the dangers associated with holding the college entrance exam in large, crowded locations. As we experience a new wave of covid-19 infections, we need a different solution.

I urge you to consider alternatives such as digital administration of the SAT and the waiving of fees associated with in-person administration. While a broader reconsideration of the role of standardized testing in the college admissions process is warranted, we should at least protect the safety of test-takers while it is still a requirement for many schools. We must prioritize public health during this unprecedented time.

I hope you take this under serious consideration and ensure all students are provided with safe options during the covid-19 pandemic. I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Gianaris".

Senator Michael Gianaris
Deputy Majority Leader

