Mayor Abraham Beame
Mayor of New York City
City Hall
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Mayor:

It has come to my attention that as a result of the City having to engage in massive financial cutbacks, the Hostos Community College may be forced to close. I would urge you to avoid closing this most progressive institution.

Hostos Community College provides the most extensive bilingual education program in the City. As there are many Spanish speaking citizens who live in the City, and especially in my Congressional district, this program affords these students an opportunity to obtain a higher education and thus become productive members of our society. To suspend this program would severely hamper their efforts towards achieving this objective.

I recognize the need for the City to reassess all of its financial obligations. However, I would hope that the City could be able to keep open this vital institution so that the educational advancement of our Spanish speaking community can continue.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

cc: President, Hostos Community College
Save Hostos Committee