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David J. Narkewicz
Mayor, City of Northampton
210 Main Street
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Dear Mayor Narkewicz,

I write in response to your letter of March 25, 2016 regarding Northampton's Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program.

At Smith, we are proud of our longstanding community support and committed to creating a strong and vibrant future for Northampton. We recognize that Smith would not be the special place it is without Northampton and know that many residents understand the reverse to be true as well.

In that spirit, the college will make a voluntary annual contribution of \$100,000 to the City of Northampton for each of the next three years, for a total of \$300,000. The first payment will arrive by June 30, 2016. The contribution is unrestricted and will be made alongside both Smith's existing payment of \$90,000 through the 2005 Development Agreement and other significant contributions that Smith is making to local nonprofits in 2016.

This voluntary support, unrelated to the PILOT program, is made in the context of Smith's non-profit, tax-exempt status as well as the considerable support the college provides to Northampton as a leading employer, a partner to our public schools, and real estate taxpayer.

I look forward to our continued partnership in strengthening all sectors of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kathleen McCartney' in a cursive script.

Kathleen McCartney
President