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Chancellor John Carey
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
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Dear Chancellor Carey,

On behalf of the University of Cincinnati, I want to thank you and your team for supporting Ohio's colleges and universities in meeting the 5 percent challenge delineated in House Bill 64 Section 369.600. Indeed, we are fully committed to advancing the Governor's vision of making Ohio's system of higher education more affordable and efficient.

Attached you will find UC's submission for the 5 percent challenge. Please note that our plan is to have UC's Board of Trustees to formally approve this template at their next meeting on October 21, 2015.

Should you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me directly. Thank you for your leadership and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'Santa J. Ono'.

Santa J. Ono
President



5% Challenge: University of Cincinnati

Total Cost of Attendance Please provide a breakdown of average tuition, fees, room, board, textbooks, etc, for a full-time student, living on campus. (Add explanation as necessary)

Type of Cost	Average Cost (Dollar Amount)
Tuition and Mandatory Fees--Ohio Resident (Main Campus) FT	\$11,000
Room & Board (Average; base rate is ~10,700)	\$11,716
Book Allowance (per Financial Aid Budget)	\$1,500
Transportation Allowance (Per Financial Aid Budget)	\$498
College Program Fees (not included, but ranges from \$175-\$600)	
5% = \$1,236 per year (\$4,943 for 4 years)	
Total:	\$24,714 (4 years = \$98,856)

Total Potential Student Savings

UC Plan to Reduce Student Costs	Average Saved (Dollar Amount)
Tuition Freeze for 2013-14	\$216 year over 4 years ----- \$864
Tuition Freeze for 2015-16	\$220 year over 4 years ----- \$880
Textbook Affordability Initiative	\$125 year over 4 years ----- \$500
College Credit Plus (average of 5.6 credits per student)	\$459 per credit hour savings x 5.6 ----- \$2,570
Enrollment in 15-credit hours during one semester (versus 12, 13 or 14)	Save average of \$688 per student based on variable enrollment under 15CH ----- \$688
Summer school incentive program: pay for five and receive six credits (one free). Increases campus utilization while increasing student time-to-degree	Save \$459 per credit hour savings ----- \$459
Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), including AP credit – 6 credit hour average	Save \$459 per credit hour x 6 ----- \$2,754
UC Options to Reduce Student Costs	Possible Savings of \$8,715 over four years (8.8%)

Additional Opportunities for Savings	Possible Savings and Debt Reduction
Transition Students: start on a regional campus (Blue Ash or Clermont)	Save \$206 per credit hour (one year savings = \$6,180)
Co-op earnings of ~\$4,000 per rotation for a total of \$20K	Significant debt reduction