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ISSUE: HIGHER EDUCATION

Okay, how about this: Who knows someone in college that's having a hard time making ends meet because tuition is way too high?

- Yup, college tuition has shot up through the roof, and students sometimes end up having to work multiple jobs just to make ends meet.

Luckily, here in New York we have CUNY, which is still more affordable than a lot of the other options out there, and it provides New Yorkers with a quality education. But how long will that last if CUNY keeps getting hit with drastic budget cuts?

- The state is being forced to slash \$100 million from the CUNY budget
- The city is cutting \$20 million

Any thoughts on what these cuts might mean for students?

- Higher tuition and less money for scholarships
- More crowded classrooms
- Longer time to graduation
- More students failing and dropping out

And what does this mean for faculty?

- Less time to spend on each student
- Fewer full-time positions and more adjuncts

Ultimately, all of this will make it very difficult for current and future students to obtain a good education at an affordable price. And what will happen in our communities if kids can't get a decent education?

- Unemployment
- Generational poverty
- Crime

We always hear there just isn't enough money in the budget. Well, why is that? Who's to blame for the revenue shortfall?

- Banks and millionaires who aren't paying their fair share in taxes

What can we do about it?

- Well how about renewing the millionaire's tax? That would keep an addition \$1.1 billion dollars in the state budget—more than enough to cover the \$120 million in city and state cuts to CUNY. That way, we can ensure that New Yorkers will always have an affordable choice for getting a quality education.

Call Mayor Bloomberg at 212-772-1081 and tell him:

All youth deserve a shot at a college education so that our communities can grow with them. Renew the millionaire's tax and halt these cuts to the City University.
