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Ray Rogers, Director  
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your letter to Comptroller DiNapoli dated April 7, 2008, regarding the State University of New York (SUNY) beverage contracts. The Comptroller has asked me to respond.

While there is no current statute that would allow SUNY to ban Coca-Cola as a future provider of beverage services, there is a requirement that all State agencies that enter into contracts evaluate the responsibility of their proposed contractors and only enter into contracts with those that are deemed responsible. Each campus will have to do that evaluation for the winning bidder for each of these contracts.

For any Coca-Cola contracts that come before us for approval, we will ensure that the agency has thoroughly reviewed these issues in the context of vendor responsibility.

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Moriarty".

John G. Moriarty  
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