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New Year's Resolutions

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NJASCU is starting the New Year by advocating for three bills responding to our legislative priorities. All three of the bills below will be reintroduced in the new legislative session starting January 12, 2016.

Assembly Bill No. 4886, sponsored by Assemblymen Scott Rumana and John Burzichelli, would close a legal loophole through which commuter students must pay sales tax on campus parking fees. The bill would exempt commuter students from paying this tax. Residential students and employees are already exempt under the law from paying sales tax on parking provided by colleges and universities.

Assembly Bill No. 4888, also sponsored by Assemblyman Rumana, would close another legal loophole that adversely affects our institutions. Under current law, public colleges and universities must pay the sales and use tax on purchases of energy and utility service. This means that the state colleges and universities must pay tax on purchases of natural gas, and any associated charges for the transportation or transmission of natural gas, which are used to heat buildings or provide power to facilities. The bill would exempt public colleges and universities from paying sales tax on purchases of natural gas and the transportation or transmission of natural gas.

Senate Bill No. 3234, sponsored by Senator Tony Bucco, would authorize the state colleges and universities to enter design-build and construction-manager-at-risk contracts for construction projects.

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