



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Anthony P. Monaco, *President*

May 24, 2021

The Honorable Matthew McLaughlin
Somerville City Council, President
City of Somerville
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

Docket # 211918

Dear President McLaughlin,

Thank you for contacting Tufts University regarding our dining employees. They are an important part of our workforce, and we appreciate their contributions to our community.

Tufts University does not determine eligibility for unemployment benefits. Those determinations are made by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and there are a variety of factors that are considered. Although the Commonwealth made certain exceptions last summer due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this year – as in years past - employees who are scheduled to be off for the summer but who have a reasonable expectation of returning to work in the fall are generally not eligible to receive unemployment benefits. Consistent with our long-standing practice, Tufts has provided letters to dining employees who are expected to return to work next fall.

Thank you for the City's continued partnership with Tufts University. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Rocco DiRico in the office of Government and Community Relations at 617-627-3780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony P. Monaco".

Anthony P. Monaco