

Testimony of Amy Maxwell  
*Revitalize Buffalo*

My name is Amy Maxwell and I am the founder of the local civic organization Revitalize Buffalo and I am in here to support full funding of the University at Buffalo's 2020 plan.

Any place that is starting to grow like the University, though its research enterprise and physically, especially the downtown corridor, will bring in businesses. People will want to relocate to this area and those who are thinking of leaving will want to stay here. It is a kind of domino effect, if you will, and will only help what is becoming a wonderful revolution here in Buffalo and make it even stronger.

I think that a smart population is one of the strongest things a community can have. UB helps to educate students and the community. So many students graduate in such a diverse number of degree programs from the University every year. Keeping them here, helping to integrate them into the community and into businesses is crucial because they are the future leaders.

The University at Buffalo understands that a city and university that are integrated and work well together is the only way that that both can succeed. Their futures are intertwined.

Additionally the University at Buffalo plays a very important role with the quality of life and economy in Buffalo. UB does this by reinvesting, keeping students here after they graduate, and offering different events on their campuses. For example, you can go out to the campus in Amherst and go to different plays and musical acts there. Also, UB on The Green started this year on the South Campus which thousands of people have attended. UB is working to help keep the quality of life as wonderful as it is here.

As a young professional who grew up in Lockport and who has now lived in the City of Buffalo for 5 years; I want to stay in the area, I want to raise a family here and I want the quality of life to be as wonderful as it is. I think that UB is a leader that will move the community forward and continue to improve the quality of life here.

Please support the University at Buffalo's growth initiative and by extension the growth of Western New York by fulfilling the University's budget request. Thank you.