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Dear UA Community,

Today, on a vote of 10-1, the Board of Regents approved a [declaration of financial exigency](#) for the university. This difficult decision is a direct result of a massive \$136 million (41%) reduction in state funding, projected additional losses from declining enrollment and reduced research activity, and the lack of sufficient reserves to fund our current operations through the year.

It's important that we all understand what this declaration is and what it is not. As discussed with the regents, the declaration of exigency is a tool, not a plan, to implement necessary reductions to meet the budget shortfall in a timely manner. The declaration can be modified or cancelled if the legislature and the governor are able to successfully restore funding.

After thoughtful discussion, the board directed me to work with the chancellors and academic leadership to prepare high level plans for restructuring the university. The two plan options chosen for additional consideration by the board include a lead campus model and a single