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Visual: Chancellor Woodward on camera.

It's really like coming home in many ways. I have and have had for many years a deep affection for this institution, and I find myself thinking about where I used to park when I was a faculty member here, where was my office, and then I got a really wonderful email from a faculty member who was a colleague of mine back in 1968 and 1969. So thought I've been busy it's been a nice busy since I've come home again.

I will remind them of the reasons that they chose to entrust their education in this institution and will say with heartfelt belief that those reasons are still in place, and that's the very high-quality staff and faculty that are and have long been a part of this great institution.

It'll definitely have an impact, but I'm impressed with the preparation that's already been done here to prepare for these cuts. The preparation really starts with the reaffirmation of certain principles tied to the core purpose of why this university exists. It all relates back to education, research, and service. When I look at the work that has been done to date in preparation for the expected budget, what I see is the right focus, and indeed we know that even if we manage these cuts very well—and that's certainly my responsibility to ensure that we do—it will impact the classroom.

It will impact the number of classes that we can offer, the size of our classes, the access of students to faculty, so it will be harmful, but again, our goal—certainly my goal but not just mine, the whole campus community's—to ensure that the impact is minimal especially on the students.

Public universities exist to serve the public good. Public universities should conduct programs that anticipate the future of what that public good is, public need is, and if one looks at the future of this state, what you see are the need, the tremendous need for well-educated people that will serve in a variety of areas that we know are growing in an economic sense. What this campus does coincides with what any economist would tell you is going to be the nature of the business world and the years ahead. So I do believe that the activities of this university mesh very, very closely with what this state needs in the future, what is in the interest of the public in the future, and therefore I'm really proud to be a part of North Carolina State.

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