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Dear Mr. Tenney,

I'm an incoming freshman at Columbia, my top-choice school. When I received my acceptance letter last month, I was elated. And while I'm immensely grateful I was accepted, my family's financial situation has changed significantly since I completed my FAFSA. I'm afraid I can't attend Columbia without additional monetary support.

My dad was laid off from his job as a product manager at American Manufacturing Company eight months ago, and with the tight labor market, he's been unable to secure a new role despite submitting over a hundred applications. My mom's weekly take-home income is \$625, and we're barely covering our monthly living expenses, which amount to \$3,200.

I've applied to several local scholarships and managed to secure an additional \$3,500 in funding for school, but my financial aid is still falling short by \$15,000 for the coming year. I'm humbly requesting you reevaluate my eligibility for aid based on the changes to my family's financial situation.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Miguel Martin