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March 3, 2025

The Honorable Robert Rivas  
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The Honorable Jesse Gabriel  
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The Honorable David Alvarez  
Chair, Budget Subcommittee #3  
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The Honorable John Laird  
Chair, Budget Subcommittee #1  
1021 O Street, Room 8720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: Reject cuts to the University of California (UC) and the CA State University (CSU)**

Dear Speaker Rivas, Pro Tem McGuire, Chair Gabriel, Chair Wiener, Chair Alvarez, and Chair Laird,

We respectfully request rejection of the Governor's proposed 7.95 percent budget reduction to the UC and CSU. We have grave concerns about the long term impact of these reductions to our higher education systems. The proposed cuts will result in a \$396.6 million ongoing reduction to the UC and a \$375.2 million ongoing reduction to the CSU. These reductions may jeopardize the progress on goals important to the Legislature and the Governor, including increasing California resident enrollment and ensuring student success.

Both UC and CSU play a critical role in helping to meet the state's workforce needs. Undercutting enrollment funding will lead to larger class sizes, fewer course offerings, program reductions, and less support staff, all of which will hinder students' efforts to graduate on time and weaken California's progress towards a highly educated and diverse workforce.

The cuts to UC and CSU are also more severe than the cuts to other large state agencies, which were cut on average by 3 percent. While other agencies were allowed to exclude direct services and local assistance from their cuts, UC and CSU are being cut on their direct services to

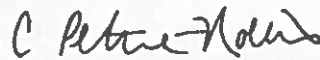
students. In addition, the higher education segments have limited reserves and are unable to cover the cuts from existing resources.

We have a responsibility to ensure that our higher education institutions continue to provide access and excellence for California's students. This benefits not only the students themselves, but California as a whole. The University of California and the California State University systems are pinnacle examples of public funds benefiting public good. We respectfully request rejection of the cuts to the UC and CSU. Thank you for your consideration.

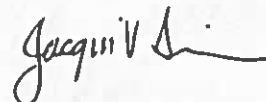
Sincerely,



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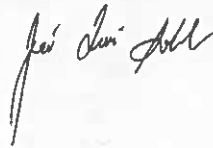
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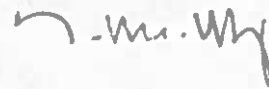
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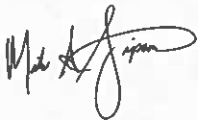
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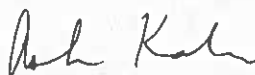
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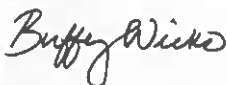
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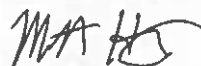
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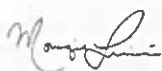
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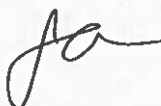
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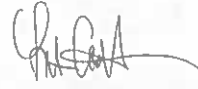
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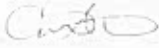
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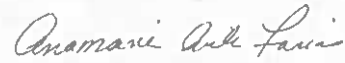
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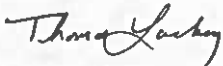
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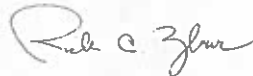
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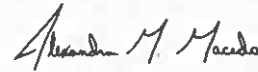
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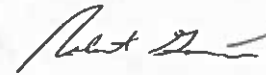
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