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CHANNEL ISLANDS

CHICO

The Honorable George Miller
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

DOMINGUEZ HILLS

EAST BAY

The Honorable Buck McKeon
Ranking Member, House Committee on Education and Labor
2101 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

FRESNO

FULLERTON

HUMBOLDT

Dear Chairman Miller and Ranking Member McKeon:

LONG BEACH

On behalf of the California State University (CSU) system, thank you for your leadership in making college access and affordability a top priority in the 110th Congress. With 450,000 students -- many from the first generation in their families to attend college -- the CSU is the largest, most diverse, and one of the most affordable university systems in the country.

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

The CSU strongly supports the Higher Education Opportunity Act - the recently completed conference agreement to reauthorize the Higher Education Act. The legislation positively addresses many of the CSU's highest policy priorities, including: increasing the maximum Pell Grant award and enabling students with the greatest financial need to receive a second Pell award for year-round study; expanding ACG and SMART grant program eligibility to include part time students; maintaining the critical outreach programs GEAR UP and TRIO as separate and distinct programs; strengthening graduate programs at Hispanic Serving Institutions; and creating grant programs to enhance university outreach to veterans and to improve sustainability efforts by institutions of higher education.

NORTHRIDGE

POMONA

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

SAN DIEGO

We greatly appreciate your continuous interest in helping California students and in assisting CSU efforts to prepare our state's workforce and conduct cutting edge applied research. You and your staff have always been accessible and attentive to CSU priorities and concerns. As always, the CSU looks forward to working with you and all members of the California Congressional delegation on these and other matters of importance to our state and our nation.

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

SAN LUIS OBISPO

With kind regards,

SAN MARCOS

SONOMA

Sincerely,

STANISLAUS



Charles B. Reed
Chancellor