

Hon. Senator Ricardo Lara, Chair
Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Mr. Lara,

With the soaring costs of college education, students throughout California are struggling to receive the resources that would allow them to cover the basic needs of higher education such as housing, food, and transportation which are necessities to get by day to day.

Currently there is a unique opportunity to help these students so they won't have to worry about the challenges that may put their goals of receiving a college degree at stake, AB 2822 "The Student Financial Aid: Student Success and Support Program Bill.

In our Region which comprises of 13 community colleges in the Central Valley, we know first hand how hard it is to get by from one class to the next, semester to semester as we have one the highest vulnerable and disadvantaged student populations in the state which is challenging to say the least. This bill will allow our students to receive small grants who may have an unforeseen financial hardship in their lives to move one step closer to receiving their college degree and move forward into productive society.

Below is the support of our Regions 13 Community Colleges who have signed on to support this bill and would hope to have your support and Aye vote.

Sincerely,

Cheyne Strawn, Region V Legislative Director

College of the Sequoias

Fresno City College

Columbia College

Merced College

Bakersfield College

West Hills College: Coalinga

San Joaquin Delta Community College

Modesto Junior College

West Hills College: Lemoore

Reedley College

Porterville College

Madera Community College Center

Clovis Community College