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May 2, 2018

Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley  
Chancellor, California Community Colleges  
1102 Q Street  
Sacramento, CA 95811

**RE: California Online College Proposal**

Dear Chancellor Oakley:

Disability Rights California (DRC), a non-profit advocacy organization that advances and protects the rights of Californians with disabilities supports the Governor's proposal to create the California Online Community College District.

Technology is providing some of the most important tools for persons with disabilities to participate in their homes, schools, places of employment and communities allowing them to otherwise benefit from opportunities that are afforded to people without disabilities. DRC is committed to increasing access to and funding for assistive technology and services and access to information, training and facilitation that will allow persons to access services needed for their well-being. Increasing educational opportunities can be one of the most critical types of assistance that can be provided so that persons with disabilities can train for meaningful employment and careers.

Of course, to be meaningful the technology must be accessible and not create additional barriers to participating in educational programs. To that end, we are very appreciative of the Governor's Office, the Chancellor's

Office and the Department of Finance in working with us to ensure that a goal of the College is to provide all students with disabilities enrolled in the College support services and educational accommodations. This will allow them to participate and benefit from the online community college experience equal to those students without disabilities.


Your willingness to require the creation of a Disabled Students Programs and Services program within the College with staff able to assist students with disabilities to access general activities, programs, and classes offered by the College is critical for the College's success. The proposed language will also help ensure that the College complies with statutory provisions regarding access for individuals with disabilities and the use of electronic technology accessibility requirements of state and federal electronic and information technology policy and statutes. These and other assurance of accessibility will, we believe, help make the California Online Community College for students with disabilities a success.

Once again, we appreciate your collaboratively working with us to improve the goals of the College and we are pleased to support the proposal.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Child". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" and last name "Child" clearly distinguishable.

Curtis Child  
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