

**April 12, 2018**

**The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair**

Assembly Committee on Budget  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**The Honorable Kevin McCarty, Chair**

Assembly Budget Subcommittee #2  
State Capitol, Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support for Governor Brown's Proposed Online Community College**

Dear Honorable Ting and Honorable McCarty,

I am writing in personal **support of Governor Brown's 115<sup>th</sup> community college** – a fully online campus that will deliver skills and industry-valued credentials that millions of working adults need to advance their careers and improve their economic future. While our board and organization must remain neutral, **I personally support this initiative and urge you to enact this historic proposal.**

It is troubling that more than **2.5 million working Californians aged 25 to 34** – of whom 49 percent are Latino, 31 percent white, 9 percent Asian and 7 percent African American – currently **cannot access the educational pathways needed for economic mobility.** Many are primary household wage earners, work full-time jobs, care for family, and are unable to attend classes at a brick and mortar campus during a traditional academic year.

The 115<sup>th</sup> community college is unlike anything in California and will provide a **flexible and affordable learning option** for workers to earn short-term certificates and credentials needed for higher wages and job promotion.

With the sixth largest economy in the world, it is imperative that California invest in educating and training more adults to meet the increasing demand for a skilled workforce and fuel our growing economy. Our success depends on the workforce of tomorrow, and **this proposal puts California on a path toward greater prosperity.**

I encourage you to embrace the 115<sup>th</sup> community college so that more workers in your districts can access the opportunity to improve their economic futures.

Thank you,



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