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March 15th, 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,

We are writing in **support of Governor Brown's 115th 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. Los Rios Community College district supports expanding access to higher education for millions of students unable to attend traditional brick and mortar colleges, and we urge you to enact this historic proposal.

The needs of our students are rapidly evolving and it's important that community colleges evolve with them. Online programs are now the preferred option for thousands of students in our state, especially those who are balancing full time jobs with their educational goals. This innovative approach will ensure that we can offer more opportunities for students to achieve academic success, without negatively impacting enrollment at our brick and mortar institutions.

From a workforce development perspective, limiting higher education to those students able to access the current system makes little economic sense. Expanding access to higher education through the California Online College will open doors to students not being served by the current system, increase the number of middle-skill workers in California, and help our state meet the workforce needs of a changing economy.

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

To learn more and read quotes from California leaders, visit the online community college website at www.cconlinecollege.org.

Sincerely,

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