

April 11, 2018

**The Honorable Phil Ting, Chair**  
Assembly Committee on Budget  
State Capitol, Room 6026  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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**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 Assembly Members Ting and McCarty,

I am writing in **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. **WEAVE fully supports this initiative and urges you to enact this historic proposal.**

Transportation, childcare and safety are huge barriers for victims of domestic violence who are seeking to further their education and move forward with their lives. We have a client right now who has been out of the workforce for the last 15 years. She has severe anxiety around filling out applications for jobs, because she does not have recent work history nor any post-secondary education. This client has identified that if she were to have some type of recent education or vocational training, she would feel more confident about filling out applications, as she would have recently acquired competitive skills to bring to a prospective workplace.

The 115<sup>th</sup> community college is unlike anything in California and will address an urgent, unmet need by providing a **flexible and affordable learning option** for workers to earn short-term certificates and credentials needed for higher wages and job promotion. This will greatly benefit victims staying in our Safehouses and those who are stuck in dangerous relationships because they cannot afford to provide for their families on their own.

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.

To learn more and read quotes from California leaders, visit the online community college website at [www.cconlinecollege.org](http://www.cconlinecollege.org).

Thank you,



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