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The Honorable Marty Block  
Chair, Budget Senate Subcommittee 1 on Education  
California State Capitol Office, Room 4072  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**K-14 STATEWIDE CAREER  
PATHWAYS TECHNICAL  
ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS**

RE: \$48 Million Investment in Career Pathways Programs:  
The K-14 Career Pathway Technical Assistance Providers

**Angela Allison**  
*Southern California*

Dear Senator Block:

**Sean Glumace**  
*Northern California*

As your Committee considers career technical education proposals in the Governor's Proposed Budget Act of 2016, the K-14 Career Pathway Technical Assistance Providers (CP TAP's) are requesting your support for the ongoing \$48 million investment in preparing California's future workforce through the Career Technical Education Pathways Programs (CTE Pathways) in California. To ensure long-term success, an embedded regional leadership model must integrate relevant career pathways with predictable funding.

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**Dr. Laura Cantu**  
*Los Angeles Community  
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Career Pathways serve as accelerators for students to seamlessly transition between our education systems and the growing need for a high-wage/high-growth, in-demand skilled workforce. The CP TAP's function as the essential cornerstones in operationalizing the current Career Pathways investments by fostering the relationships and partnerships between K-12, adult education, community colleges, workforce development boards and industry. The CP TAP's will continue to provide much needed guidance as Regional Areas align and integrate future investments so that Career Pathways reach a wider range of students at different stages in the pipeline.

**Dr. Lyla Eddington**  
*Los Angeles Ring*

**Stephanie Feger**  
*Orange County*

The leadership provided by the CP TAP's is critical to the implementation of state and federal education mandates that braid funds and connect systems to produce a well-trained workforce for priority and emerging industry sectors. Regional coordination amongst colleges and their partners will continue to expand under the guidance of the **K-14 Career Pathways TAPs created by Doing What MATTERS for Jobs and Economy** framework.

**Bob Hawkes**  
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**Janine Kaiser**  
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The Strong Workforce Task Force, commissioned by the Community College Board of Governors, issued 25 recommendations for closing California's growing "skills" gap—a shortage of more than one million workers with middle-skilled credentials. Career Pathways are woven throughout most of the recommendations, and specifically highlighted in Section 3, a-h. Career Pathway TAP's leadership will be the centralized force of strategic implementation of the Task Force Recommendations.

**Karen Miles**  
*South Central Coast*

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**Tanya Meyer**  
*Far North*

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While the regional consortiums and the workforce development boards are charged to convene the key players in moving regional economies forward; the CP TAP's are the liaisons that bridge the work between the K-14/adult education partners and the system partners.

**Sharon Turner**  
*Mid Peninsula, Silicon Valley,  
Santa Cruz/Monterey*

They concentrate on ensuring that our systems are working together to move students through the career pathway pipelines leading to in-demand/high-wage careers.

For Students:

- Expand career exploration programs that introduce secondary students and post-secondary students to career pathways (i.e. Get Focused Stay Focused/work based learning/career exploration)
- Build infrastructure to support equity and access to all CTE students beyond specific state funding mechanisms (ability to serve students outside of specific grants limitations)

Education Systems:

- Champion Strong Workforce Taskforce Recommendations for Career Pathways
- Identify/support professional development opportunities in collaboration with DSN's in their regions for High School/Adult School teachers and Community College faculty
- Communicate promising practices throughout the regions
- Lead the regional conversations to align the student success initiatives and educational mandates that seek to align efforts and avoid duplication (BSI, Equity, SSSP, Strong Workforce, AB 86/104, CPT)
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- Collaborate with California Department of Education initiatives like Pathways Trust and Incentive Grants to regionalize efforts improving and aligning Pathways
- Curriculum alignment for Articulation and Dual Enrollment
- Assist High Schools and Adult Schools in implementation of and data collection around early college credit strategies including Dual Enrollment (pre and post AB288), Articulation and Credit-by-exam, and Student Success Strategies to address Equity and Access

For Industry:

- Drive Work Based Learning efforts between industry and colleges
- Engage Industry Partners to participate in the regional conversations, advisories and initiatives
- Increase educational visibility at select conferences and trade shows to build relationships in priority and emerging sectors
- Collaborate with Workforce Development Boards to support WIOA mandates for regional efforts

With your support, the annual \$48 Million commitment to CTE Pathways Programs helps ensure long-term success through an embedded sustainable, regional leadership model. This Career Pathway infrastructure is good for our students, our industry, our workforce, and our economy. California's economic future is depending on it.

We respectfully submit this letter on behalf of the Regional and Statewide K-14 Career Pathways Technical Assistance Providers.

Sincerely,



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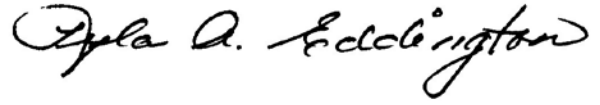


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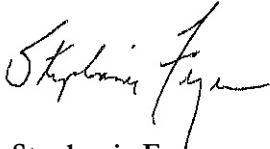
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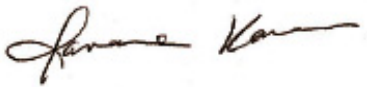
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