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Dear California Community College Board of Governors,

As part of our ongoing effort to promote a healthier, more vibrant and more inclusive economy in the Southern California region, the Southern California Leadership Council has elevated the issue of Workforce Development to one of the top priorities in our work plan. Within that effort, we have worked closely with Chancellor Harris, Vice Chancellor Ton Quinlivan and others within your organization to support the important work that was undertaken by the Strong Workforce Taskforce.

Indeed we were pleased to convene and host the August 25 workshop in Southern California, in which the Chancellor revealed the full set of recommendations the Task Force produced. We believe that the Taskforce has laid out a comprehensive plan to implement proven strategies that will bolster the capacity of community colleges to achieve their goal to prepare one million more Californians for middle-skilled careers.

We urge the Board of Governors to adopt the 25 recommendations of the Task Force on Workforce, Job Creation And a Strong Economy as a strategy to ensure more students are prepared to enter the workforce, and to position California to attract high-value jobs in high-need industry sectors.

We thank you in advance for your consideration. Please feel free to call upon us for any additional information, or if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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