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The Honorable Barbara Boxer
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Boxer:


Thank you for your leadership in working to address the important issue of sexual assault on college campuses across the country. I am writing in support of your bill, "The Survivor Outreach and Support Campus Act" or "SOS Campus Act." The University of California strongly agrees with the goals of this legislation to ensure that all colleges and universities have a single point of contact for victims of sexual assault, and to provide victims of sexual assault with ready access to the information and services they need.

UC appreciates your commitment to developing legislation that addresses the serious need on many campuses for improved responses to victims of sexual assault. Your legislation, which allows for institutions to build on their own efforts, rather than follow a one-size-fits-all approach, will assure that strong and practical resources will be developed to help victims, students, and their families.

Sexual violence is a serious crime that the University will never tolerate. As you know, under my leadership, UC has formed a systemwide task force to oversee the University's efforts to prevent and respond to sexual assault on our campuses. Our ten campuses already have comprehensive programs to prevent and respond to sexual violence and sexual harassment, and we are fully committed to continually reviewing and improving our efforts to make sure the University of California employs innovative, evidence-based and consistent practices across the system.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on your bill, and on other legislative proposals that may be introduced this Congress to address sexual assault on college campuses.

Yours very truly,


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President

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