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The Honorable Alex Padilla  
Chair, Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5046  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 35 (Pavley) as introduced December 4, 2012**  
**Scheduled for hearing April 16, 2013 - Senate Energy, Utilities and**  
**Communications Committee**  
**Position: SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

Dear Senator Padilla:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support SB 35, if amended. We applaud the author's efforts to pave the way for California's institutes of higher education to lead by example in implementing energy efficiency efforts funded by the voter approved Clean Energy Job Creation Fund.

SB 35 would require the California State University and California Community Colleges and request that the Regents of the University of California establish a special subcommittee to develop and administer a Systemwide Energy Solutions Action Plan. The development of this plan would require the participation of several stakeholder groups and would provide a near- and long-term strategy for assessing, evaluating, contracting for, overseeing, auditing, measuring, and communicating publicly concerning energy savings projects. In addition the bill establishes the Higher Education Energy Solutions Fund to fund the implementation of the Systemwide Energy Solutions Action Plans and requires annual reporting to the Legislature by the segments regarding the use of the funds.

The development of UC's current Strategic Energy Plan followed a process very close to that outlined in SB 35, including the participation of energy experts and other stakeholders from the UCOP facilities and energy management groups, as well as campus sustainability experts. In developing this plan UC considered most of same elements requested by the bill – particularly the inclusion of a variety of project types to ensure both short-term and long-term energy savings, strategies to complement and leverage existing institutional partnership programs and opportunities to establish public-private partnerships to name a few. Therefore, we would propose an amendment which would remove the bill's request for the formation of a Regent subcommittee for the purposes of plan development.

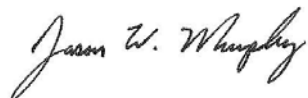
The University of California stands ready and able to initiate shovel ready, cost effective, job creating projects that will propel California towards its leadership role in energy efficiency should funds be made available to UC.

The University is actively working to reach carbon neutrality and has been deeply engaged in climate solutions planning for several years, while producing a demonstrated track record of delivering cost-effective energy projects and programs. As such, the University is uniquely positioned to leverage Clean Energy Job Funds to reduce its carbon footprint and energy consumption immediately as well as over the longer-term, all while creating high quality jobs for Californians. The University proposes to combine funding from Clean Energy Job Creation Funds with University funds to maximize the investment and scope potential.

In total, the University has identified 280,000,000 kWh/year of energy savings from energy efficiency projects with an equity funding of \$60 million over five years; and the production of approximately 3,900,000,000 kWh/year of renewable energy projects with an equity funding of \$346 million over five years. After University financing is retired for all projects, this equates to an estimated annual energy cost savings of \$90,000,000 a year in 2012 dollars. Combined, the energy efficiency and renewable energy projects will eliminate 934,500 metric tons of green house gas per year and create or sustain 6,230 jobs. See attached document outlining our proposed projects.

We thank you for your continued commitment to energy efficiency in California, and your consideration of the University's views. Should you have any question about our position, please don't hesitate to contact me at 445-5584.

Sincerely,



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