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Honorable Raul Bocanegra  
Chair Revenue and Taxation Committee  
State Capitol, Room 4167  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 394 (Yamada), as introduced February 13, 2013**  
**Scheduled for hearing in Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee**  
**on April 1, 2013**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Bocanegra:

The University of California supports AB 394 (Yamada), which would extend until January 1, 2020, the opportunity for California taxpayers to voluntarily specify that a portion of their tax refund be contributed to the California Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Research Fund.

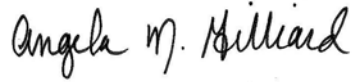
According to the California Department of Public Health, there are more than 585,000 Californians age 55 and over are living with Alzheimer's disease. By 2030, this number is expected to nearly double in California, growing to over 1.1 million. Of the more than 5.2 million people in the United States currently living with Alzheimer's disease, approximately one-tenth of the nation's Alzheimer's patients reside in California. Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the country.

Since 1988, contributions from taxpayers for Alzheimer's disease related research have totaled over \$10.6 million, including more than \$465,000 in funding for 2012. Funding generated through the tax check-off box on the state's tax forms has provided an important and stable revenue stream for the California Department of Public Health's Alzheimer's Disease Program. This revenue is used to provide grants for researchers at the University of California and other California-based organizations to find better ways to prevent, treat and cure Alzheimer's disease. The extension of this voluntary income tax check-off program will help to continue to provide critical funding to support Alzheimer's disease research. For these reasons, the University supports AB 394.

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As always, the University appreciates your consideration of our views. Should you have any questions on the University's position on AB 394, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Gilliard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela Gilliard, JD  
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