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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr. Governor, State of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 290 (Knight) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the University of California (UC), we respectfully request that you sign SB 290 (Knight). SB 290 would allow a member of the Armed Forces to use the currently authorized one-year exemption from non-resident tuition within two years of being discharged in California rather than having to immediately enroll at UC or the California State University (CSU).

We recognize that the transition from military to student and civilian life is significant, and that veterans may need to leave the state to attend to family obligations or personal concerns prior to enrollment. We believe SB 290, which allows veterans who have been stationed in California additional time to claim the exemption from non-resident tuition to which they are currently entitled under California law, is consistent with UC's own efforts to ensure the success of our veteran students.

Once admitted, UC seeks to provide an environment where admitted veterans can succeed. Each UC campus provides dedicated veteran coordinators who aid in the benefits process after admission with priority class registration, veteran-specific student orientations, and information about other available services. Further, several campuses offer veteran-specific transition courses.

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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 SB 290, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

Steve Juarez

Associate Vice President and Director

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