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The Honorable Das G. Williams
Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 4005
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1953 (Skinner) as introduced February 19, 2014
Scheduled for hearing April 1, 2014 in the Assembly Committee on Higher Education
Position: Support

Dear Assembly Member Williams:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 1953 (Skinner), legislation that would create the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund in the State Treasury and allow the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy Commission), to make grants to the University of California and California State University (CSU) campuses for building retrofits to reduce the demand for energy.

The University of California is a national leader in sustainability and research on the reduction of greenhouse gases to mitigate climate change. UC is actively working to reach carbon neutrality by 2025, and has a demonstrated record of success when it comes to cost-effective energy projects and programs. The University is uniquely poised to initiate shovel ready energy projects that will reduce energy consumption and produce substantial environmental and economic benefits with the State's investment.

Thank you for your consideration of the University's views. We are looking forward to working with Assemblymember Skinner to ensure that AB 1953 allows for the most effective carbon reduction opportunities for UC and best return on investment for California. Should you have any questions regarding the University's position on this measure, please don't hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

Jason W. Murphy

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Legislative Director

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