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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol, Room 6026
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 872 (Muratsuchi, Skinner and Williams), as amended August 4, 2014
Scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Budget Committee on August 14, 2014
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Skinner,

On behalf of the University of California (UC), I am writing to convey our strong support for SB 872 (Muratsuchi, Skinner and Williams), which would amend the Budget Act of 2014 by providing \$50,000,000 in additional funds to the University for deferred maintenance and other one-time purposes. If the state economy continues to recover and General Fund revenues exceed projections, the bill also specifies that funding provided would become ongoing beginning in the 2015-16 fiscal year for the purpose of increasing enrollment of California students and improving student services. Additional state funding to help meet these critical needs would be most welcome, particularly after several years of cutbacks and other fiscal challenges.

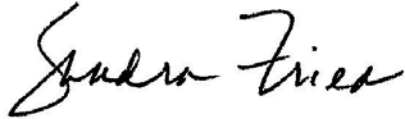
Struggling just to meet basic costs, campuses have sporadically addressed only the most urgent deferred maintenance needs. The University's backlog has grown dramatically as many of the mechanical and other building systems in UC facilities constructed in the 1960s and 1970s have reached the end of their useful life. Perhaps most importantly, long-term failure to address deferred maintenance greatly increases the risk that catastrophic failure of mission-critical utility distribution systems would shut down an entire campus.

The bill would also allow us to address other important one-time needs. Several areas have been chronically underfunded for years, including instructional equipment replacement, instructional technology, and library materials. Even a small amount of funding committed to these important needs would be most welcome.

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For these reasons, the University strongly supports SB 872. As always, the University appreciates your consideration of this important bill. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Fried". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Fried
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