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The Honorable Jim Beall, Jr.
Member of the State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 5016
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 194 (Beall), As Amended, March 8, 2011
Scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Higher Education Committee on March 15, 2011
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Beall:

The University of California is pleased to support AB 194, which would request UC to implement priority enrollment for foster youth or former foster youth.

UC has consistently been supportive of efforts to assist foster youth in their transition to the University and has worked to provide this student population with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure a successful higher education experience.

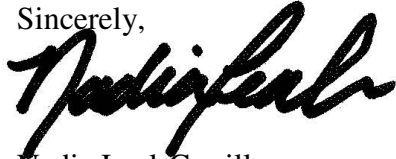
Currently, eight of the nine undergraduate campuses have programs to help ensure the success of former foster youth (UC Merced has a small foster youth population and does individual outreach). The campus programs include providing year-round housing, financial support, academic advising and career counseling, personal counseling, community engagement and assistance with planning transitions to both college and employment. Adding priority enrollment to the list of services UC provides to foster youth and former foster youth will serve to benefit approximately 600-800 students.

Priority enrollment is a function of each individual campus and is adopted at the campus level. Should AB 194 become law, the University of California Office of the President will strongly encourage each campus to implement this beneficial policy.

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Once again, we thank you for your continued commitment to higher education and for your consideration of the University's views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nadia Leal-Carrillo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nadia" being the most prominent part.

Nadia Leal-Carrillo
Legislative Director

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