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The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Chair  
Senate Education Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2083  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 130 (Cedillo), as amended on May 2, 2011**  
**Scheduled to be heard by the Senate Education Committee on June 8, 2011**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Lowenthal:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 130, the California Dream Act of 2011. AB 130 would allow for all students who qualify for a nonresident tuition exemption under AB 540, including those who are undocumented, to be eligible to receive a scholarship derived from non-state funds received by the institution for the purpose of scholarships.

The University supported AB 540 because we believe that students who attended and graduated from high school in California, but are not legal residents, should have access to higher education, and nonresident fee levels served as a barrier to their participation. AB 130 addresses one of the remaining hurdles for these students.

If this bill were enacted, approximately 80 of the estimated 513 to 642 potentially undocumented AB 540 students enrolled at UC would benefit. By making AB 540 students eligible for scholarships, AB 130 would help place these students on a more equal footing with other needy students and would address issues of affordability and access for these students.

Through their hard work and perseverance, these students have earned the opportunity to attend UC. Their accomplishments should not be disregarded or their future jeopardized because of their legal status.

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

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  
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