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

RE: Assembly Bill 649 (Harkey) as introduced on March 31, 2011
Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Education Committee on June 8, 2011
Position: Support

Dear Senator Lowenthal:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 649. AB 649 would grant priority class registration to members or former members of the Armed Forces, who are California residents, within 5 years of leaving active duty.

UC fully recognizes the sacrifices made by our veterans and works to provide these students with the tools and guidance necessary to achieve success at UC. To that end, UC's nine undergraduate campuses have implemented priority enrollment policies for veterans. While current law requests UC to offer priority enrollment to veterans within two years of leaving active duty, we are pleased to extend that offer of priority enrollment to veterans within five years of leaving active duty.

The University appreciates your consideration its 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".

Nadia Leal-Carrillo
Legislative Director

cc: Assembly Member Diane Harkey
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