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The Honorable Curren Price  
Chair, Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development  
State Capitol, Room 2057  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 655 (Hayashi), as amended June 1, 2011**  
**Scheduled for hearing on June 13, 2011 in the Senate Business Professions and Economic Development Committee**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Price:

On behalf of the University of California, (UC), I am writing to respectfully offer our support for Assembly Bill (AB) 655. UC owns and operates five academic medical centers at the Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, San Diego, and San Francisco campuses. Together our medical centers are the fourth largest healthcare delivery system and among the largest providers of care to Medicaid enrollees in California.

As amended June 1, this bill would now require a peer-review body to respond to the request of another peer-review body and produce relevant peer-review information about a licentiate that was subject to peer-review for a medical disciplinary cause or reason by the responding peer-review body, as determined by the responding peer-review body; require the responding body to determine the manner to produce the information; provide that the information produced is not subject to discovery; and require the requesting body to sign a specified sharing agreement with the responding body.

UC feels that this change in peer review information sharing will improve the process and provide better protection for patients. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Angela M. Gilliard in cursive.

Angela M. Gilliard, JD  
Legislative Director

cc: Assembly Member Hayashi  
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