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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 194 (Beall) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the University of California (UC), we respectfully request that you sign AB 194 (Beall). AB 194 would request UC to implement priority enrollment for foster youth or former foster youth.

For some time, UC has 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 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.

On behalf of the University, we would like to thank Assembly Member Beall for his leadership in addressing this important issue and we urge you to sign AB 194. Should you have any

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questions regarding 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.

Nadia Leal-Carrillo
Legislative Director

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