



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

DANIEL M. DOOLEY
Senior Vice President – External Relations

Office of State Governmental Relations
1130 K Street, Suite 340
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 445-9924
Steve Juarez, Associate Vice President and Director

September 1, 2011

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

RE: AB 844 (Lara) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of the University of California (UC), we respectfully request that you sign AB 844 (Lara). AB 844 provides that any student, including a person without lawful immigration status, or a person who is exempt from nonresident tuition pursuant to Section 68130.5, may serve in any capacity in student government at the California State University or the California Community Colleges and receive any grant, scholarship, fee waiver, or reimbursement for expenses connected with that service to the full extent consistent with federal law. The bill also requests that the University of California comply with these provisions, as well.

By making AB 540 students eligible to serve in student government and receive aid in connection to that service, AB 844 would help place these students on a more equal footing with other students in similar situations and would enhance their access to all that the University experience offers, especially when serving in student government.

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

On behalf of the University, we would like to thank Assembly Member Lara for his leadership in addressing this important issue and we urge you to sign AB 844. Should you have any questions regarding the University's position on this bill or need additional information, 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 Ricardo Lara
President Mark G. Yudof
Provost and Executive Vice President Lawrence Pitts
Executive Vice President Nathan Brostrom
Senior Vice President Daniel Dooley
Associate Vice President & Director, Steve Juarez