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The Honorable Paul Fong, Chair  
Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee  
State Capitol, Room 5135  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re:            *AB 2062 (Davis), as introduced on February 23, 2012***  
***Scheduled to be heard by the Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee on***  
***April 17, 2012***  
***Position: SUPPORT***

Dear Assembly Member Fong,

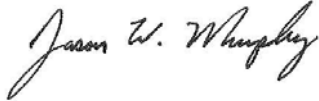
The University of California (UC) has reviewed Assembly Bill 2062, which would permit an agency to electronically file the statement of economic interest that public officials are required to file under the California Fair Political Reform Act of 1974, and is pleased to support the measure. The University shares Assembly Member Davis's interest in increasing efficiency and transparency in conflict of interest reporting by public entities in California.

An estimated 1600 designated UC officials regularly submit statements of economic interest (Form 700) as required under the Act. In addition, thousands of University researchers who serve as principal investigators are required to submit statements of economic interest (Form 700-U) when their work is funded by non-governmental entities. An electronic system could increase efficiency and result in cost savings for the University by reducing staff time associated with preparing and submitting filings, responding to public requests for information, and maintaining what amounts to thousands of sheets of paper each year.

We appreciate the bill's requirement that the University and state agencies work with the Fair Political Practices Commission to develop a safe, secure, and efficient electronic system for filing the statements of economic interest.

As always, the University appreciates your consideration of its views. Should you have 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 cursive script that reads "Jason W. Murphy".

Jason Murphy  
Legislative Director

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