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

***RE: AB 1286 (Skinner) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE***

Dear Governor Brown:

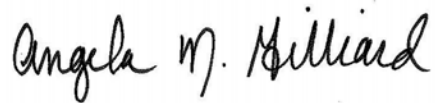
The University of California is pleased to support AB 1286 (Skinner), which would adjust the minimum contribution requirement for the California Breast Cancer Research Fund tax check-off. AB 1286 will help to ensure that California taxpayers continue to have the opportunity to voluntarily contribute a portion of their tax refund to support breast cancer research.

The California Breast Cancer Research Program (CBCRP) was established by the 1993 Breast Cancer Act and, at the state's request, the University of California has administered the program. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in California, and the CBCRP supports innovative breast cancer research that might otherwise go unfunded. Since 1993, the California Breast Cancer Research Fund tax check-off has generated over \$10 million for critical breast cancer research projects, including nearly \$450,000 in funding for 2012. Funding generated through the tax check-off box on the state's tax forms has provided an important and stable revenue stream for the program. This revenue is used to make grants for California scientists and community researchers to find better ways to prevent, treat and cure breast cancer.

The minimum contribution requirement, for the California Breast Cancer Research Fund to remain as a contribution option on income tax returns, is increased annually for inflation. Readjusting the minimum contribution requirement, as proposed by AB 1286, will help ensure the California Breast Cancer Research Fund tax check-off will continue to provide critical funding to underwrite breast cancer research in the State of California.

As always, the University appreciates your consideration of our views. Should you have any questions on the University's support position on AB 1286, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Gilliard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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