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The Honorable Mike Gatto
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1953 (Skinner) as introduced February 19, 2014
Scheduled for hearing April 9, 2014 in the Assembly Committee on Appropriations
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 1953 (Skinner), legislation that would create the Higher Education Energy Efficiency Fund in the State Treasury and allow the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (California Energy Commission), to make grants to the University of California and California State University (CSU) campuses for building retrofits to reduce the demand for energy.

The University of California is a national leader in sustainability and research on the reduction of greenhouse gases to mitigate climate change. UC is actively working to reach carbon neutrality by 2025, and has a demonstrated record of success when it comes to cost-effective energy projects and programs. The University is uniquely poised to initiate shovel ready energy projects that will allow UC to save an estimated \$13,400,000 annually after debt retirement. These projects will result in greenhouse gas savings of approximately 41,800 metric tons of CO₂ equivalents per year, and will produce substantial environmental and economic benefits with the State's investment.

Thank you for your consideration of the University's views. We are looking forward to working with the author of AB 1953 to ensure the most effective carbon reduction opportunities for UC and the best return on investment for California. Should you have any questions regarding the University's position on this measure, please don't hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

Jason Murphy
Legislative Director

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