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The Honorable Jose Medina
Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee
1020 N Street, Room 173
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RE: AB 352 (Gaines), as amended March 16, 2015
Scheduled for hearing in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 21, 2015
Position: CONCERN

Dear Chair Medina:

I write to respectfully express the University of California's concern regarding AB 352 (Gaines), which would restrict the University's nonresident enrollment to no more than 10% of the student body.

The State funds the University of California system at the same level as it did in 1999 — even though today we enroll 83,000 more students (more than Berkeley and UCLA combined) and have one more campus. The additional tuition paid by nonresident students has allowed UC campuses to enroll all eligible California residents and maintain academic quality in the face of recent state funding cuts. Compliance with AB 352 would result in a revenue loss of \$27 million and does not include provisions for replacing those funds—the equivalent of 2,700 slots for California students. By focusing on restricting an increasingly necessary part of the University's funding structure (nonresident tuition) and not addressing the state's disinvestment in its public research university system, we are concerned that AB 352 will further hamper UC's ability to enroll all eligible California students and provide them with the financial aid and quality education they deserve and expect.

The University of California has long recognized the value of enrolling students from other states and countries. They bring a diversity of background and perspective to our campuses and add an important dimension to the educational experience. Nonresident students also provide an important source of revenue that helps UC maintain quality, access and affordability for California students. Nonresident students pay the same tuition as California residents, plus a supplemental fee of about \$23,000 a year. As noted previously, those funds subsidize the education of California students, especially as state funding has declined. More importantly, the increase in nonresident students has helped the University maintain its commitment to the

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California Master Plan by ensuring that every eligible California student receives an offer of admission to at least one of our undergraduate campuses.

We are firmly committed to enrolling all eligible California residents; in fact, UC's budget includes funding to increase resident enrollment by 5,000 students over five years. However, this requires additional state support, which is why we believe the University's enrollment of residents and nonresidents should be addressed holistically as part of discussions about the University's funding currently taking place through the budget committees.

As always, we appreciate your consideration of our views. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 445-9924, if I can provide additional information or answer any questions.

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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