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Senator Loni Hancock, Chair
Senate Public Safety Committee
State Capitol, Room 2031
Sacramento, CA 95814

***RE: SB 518 (Leno), Introduced February 26, 2015
Scheduled for hearing in the Senate Public Safety Committee on April 28, 2015
Position: SUPPORT***

Dear Senator Hancock:

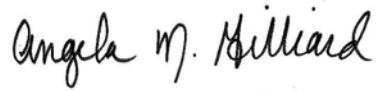
The University of California is pleased to support SB 518 (Leno), which would create clear guidelines for the creation and implementation of evidence-based trauma recovery services for survivors of violent crime throughout California. SB 518 would also create a Center of Excellence based on the success of evidence-based practices utilized in the Trauma Recovery Center at San Francisco General Hospital/University of California San Francisco (TRC/UCSF).

TRC/UCSF is an award-winning, nationally-recognized partnership with the State of California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board. Created in 2001 by the state Legislature as a four-year demonstration project, TRC/UCSF was established to develop and test a comprehensive model of care as an alternative to fee-for-service care reimbursed by victim restitution funds and to increase crime victims' access to these funds. The demonstration project's results found that this TRC/UCSF model was both clinically effective and cost effective when compared to customary care.

The Center for Excellence established in SB 518 would build upon the evidence-based practices for victims of violent crime developed by TRC/UCSF. We thank Senator Leno for his leadership on this bill, which would provide access to evidence based and effective clinical services for victims of crime throughout California.

As always, we appreciate your consideration of our views. If you have any questions 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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