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

Re: SB 707 (Wolk), as introduced February 27, 2015
Scheduled for Hearing in the Senate Public Safety Committee on April 14, 2015
Position: Support, if Amended

Dear Senator Hancock:

The University of California is pleased to offer a *Support, if amended* position on SB 707 (Wolk), a measure that seeks to curtail the prevalence of firearms on California's K-12 school and university campuses. The amendment sought by UC would remove the provisions of the bill relating to honorably retired peace officers.

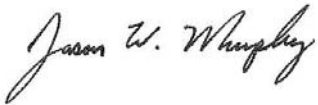
SB 707 amends Section 626.9 of the Penal code - known as the *Gun-Free School Zone Act of 1995* - to allow a person holding a valid license to carry a concealed firearm and a retired peace officer authorized to carry a concealed or loaded firearm, to carry that firearm in an area that is within 1000 feet of school or University grounds - but not on the campus itself.

The University of California supports efforts to keep firearms off of campus and is appreciative of the author's intentions regarding concealed weapons (CCW) permits to ensure that our University communities are as safe as possible. However, UC believes that retired police officers – individuals subject to stringent standards and ongoing training requirements – should continue to have the same rights as provided under existing law.

The University of California is committed to protecting our students, faculty and employees and believes strongly that SB 707, if amended, would assist us significantly in

that effort. Thank you for your consideration of the University's views. Should you have any questions on the University's position on SB 707, 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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