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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
Chair, Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee
1020 N Street, Room 359
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SCR 25 (Block) as Introduced
Set for hearing in the Assembly Jobs, Economic Development, and the Economy Committee
on July 7, 2015
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Garcia,

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support SCR 25 (Block), which states the Legislature's recognition and support for the memorandum of understanding for strategic partnerships for joint innovation, exchanges, and cooperation between California and Israel.

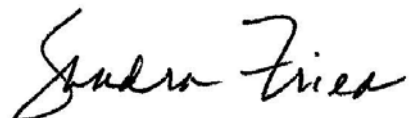
SCR 25 is consistent with the University's current practices and academic partnerships. In the past two decades, the number of UC grants and contracts sponsored by Israeli and US-Israeli binational organizations has increased dramatically. From 1999-2003, the average number of awards granted annually was just under 20; a decade later, that number had tripled.

Like Israel, UC has a tremendously innovative and impactful research enterprise, and we believe there is much that can be learned from our collaborative partnerships. Both the University and Israel have a tremendously innovative and impactful research enterprise and measures such as SCR 25 and the Governor's memorandum of understanding (MOU) further joint efforts in innovation, educational exchange, and collaboration between California and Israeli universities, public and private research institutions.

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Thank you for your consideration of the University's views. Should you have any questions on the University's position on SCR 25, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra Fried". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sandra Fried
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