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The Honorable Senator Kevin de León  
President Pro Tem, California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SCR 161(*de León*), as Introduced**  
***Pending on the Senate Floor***  
***Position: SUPPORT***

Dear Senator de León:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support SCR 161, which promotes the Los Angeles Basin as a bioscience hub.

UCLA is one of the leading recipients of biomedical research funding in the nation. Their research has driven biomedical innovations that have led to breakthrough cancer treatments and other biomedical advances, many of which have been commercialized by both startups and established biotechnology companies. In total, UCLA holds 121 US patents and research in these areas has led to the creation of 27 start-up companies.

With regard to medical education and training, the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA is home to more than 700 medical students, 450 biomedical doctoral students, and over 1,500 residents, fellows, and post-doctoral trainees. The School's Pipeline Program works to identify, encourage, and aid students who might not otherwise think a career in medicine is a reachable goal. UCLA's Toolkit program helps educators show more than 15,000 students the many possibilities a career in healthcare offers, including specific opportunities available and how to go about making those opportunities a reality.

Additional investment in the Los Angeles Basin would help UCLA attract students and researchers interested in bioscience and retain graduates in this field, whose discoveries ultimately benefit the State of California and the nation.

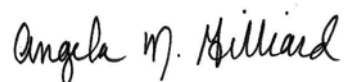
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UC is proud to support SCR 161. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela M. Gilliard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Angela M. Gilliard, JD

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