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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 801 (Bloom) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The University of California (UC) requests your signature on AB 801 (Bloom), which would request UC to provide priority registration for enrollment to homeless and formerly homeless youth and to designate a homeless and foster youth student liaison to assist these students with financial aid and other student services.

UC has consistently been supportive of efforts to assist foster youth in their transition to the University and has worked to provide this student population with the necessary tools and guidance to ensure a successful higher education experience.

Currently, campuses work with students who identify as being homeless by providing them with emergency financial support, housing, food, and connecting them with community resources. Each campus has case managers or social workers in place to work with distressed students and students identified as being homeless will often be directly referred to these resources.

UC attempts to provide a welcoming environment for all of our students so that they may succeed in their academic pursuits. Priority enrollment is a function of each individual campus and is adopted at the campus level. Should AB 801 become law, the University of California Office of the President will strongly encourage each campus to implement this beneficial policy.

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Thank you for your consideration of the University's views. If you have any questions about our support position on AB 801, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-9924.

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

cc: Assembly Member Richard Bloom
President Janet Napolitano
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