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

Re: AB 2009 (Lopez) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Brown:

The University of California (UC) requests your signature on AB 2009, which would request UC to designate a Dream Resource Liaison on each of the respective campuses to assist students who meet the requirements of Assembly Bill 540, including undocumented students. UC is also supportive of the bill's call for streamlining access to all available financial aid and academic opportunities for these students, commencing with the 2017-18 academic year, and for the authorization of the Trustees, Board of Governors, and the Regents of the University of California to seek and accept gifts, bequests, or donations to aid in the creation and operation of Dream Resources Centers at their respective systems.

UC has consistently been supportive of efforts to provide resources and create a more welcoming and inclusive campus community for undocumented students. As part of the President's Initiative on Undocumented Students, each UC campus has already designated a staff member to serve as the primary contact for undocumented students and each campus provides an array of services to undocumented students.

UC campuses currently offer a range of support services – from academic and personal counseling, to financial aid and legal advising – to help undocumented students balance their academics and unique day-to-day challenges they may face. Each UC campus has a designated physical space where respective designated contacts for undocumented students are housed. Each campus also has a student group, club or organization where undocumented students can find an encouraging peer network.

UC recognizes AB 2009 as being consistent with current UC practices to support undocumented students, and we thank Assembly Member López for her leadership in introducing this beneficial policy.

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Thank you for your consideration of the University of California's views. If you have any questions about our support position on AB 2009, 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 Patty López
President Janet Napolitano
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