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The Honorable Jose Medina
Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee
1020 N Street, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2374 (Kiley) as amended on March 15th, 2018
Scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Higher Education Committee on April 3rd, 2018
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Chair Medina:

The University of California (UC) is pleased to support AB 2374, the Free Speech on Campus Act of 2018, which would require the California Community Colleges (CCC), California State University (CSU), and request UC to create and disseminate statements that affirm the importance of free expression, and to provide opportunities for teaching the history and value of the First Amendment.

UC is committed to assuring that all persons may exercise constitutionally protected rights of free expression, speech, assembly, and worship. We believe that AB 2374 provides statutory recognition of the importance of free speech with respect to the educational and public service missions of California's public higher education segments. We applaud the leadership of Assemblymembers Kiley and Quirk in taking on these issues.

On behalf of the University, we would like to thank you for your consideration of our views on AB 2374. Should you have any questions about the University's position on this bill, do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 445-5579.

Sincerely,

Tyler Aguilar
Legislative Director

cc: Vice Chair and Members, Assembly Higher Education Committee
Assemblymember Kevin Kiley
Assemblymember Bill Quirk
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