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DATE: April 4, 2024

NAME: The Honorable Josh Newman, Chair Sente Committee on Education

ADDRESS: 1021 O Street, Room 6520 Sacramento, CA 94814

SUBJECT: SB 895 (Roth) – Support as of April 1, 2024

Dear Senator Newman,

On behalf of the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC), I am pleased to offer our support of SB 895 (Roth), which would authorize the development of a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing Pilot Program at up to 15 community college districts.

The ASCCC has a history of supporting the development of Baccalaureate Degree Program (BDP) since its inception and has numerous resolutions in support of expanding BDPs in allied health fields. SB 895 is in alignment with the priorities of our faculty, the Vision 2030 laid out by the Chancellor's Office, and the ever-growing needs of Californians in every region of the state. By empowering community colleges to confer bachelor's degrees in nursing, we can bridge the gap between academic preparation and workforce demands, thereby strengthening our healthcare infrastructure and improving patient care outcomes statewide.

For these reasons, the ASCCC urges your **YES** vote on SB 895.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your ongoing support of the California Community Colleges. Should you have any questions or if we can be of any assistance in this matter, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Aschenbach, President