February 27, 2018

Dear Chair Miller, President Bruno, and Chair White:

Thank you for your letter dated February 12, 2018 expressing your concern for students who are undocumented and your interest in exploring additional ways to better serve them. I share your concern and interest in providing needed support for students who are Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and/or undocumented.

The California State University (CSU) and its campuses are continuing to develop strategies to serve the needs of our undocumented students. It appears you may have some inaccurate information about our level of commitment to this effort. Over the past year, all CSU campuses have designated at least one staff member to be a point of contact for undocumented students and twenty campuses now have dedicated Dream Centers to serve all AB540 students. Additionally, the CSU has developed the “Resources for Undocumented Students” website (www.calstate.edu/resources-for-undocumented-students) which contains helpful information available to all students, parents and community members, including updates on DACA and access to legal services.
Even with this broad support, we acknowledge we do not reach everyone, and we wish we could do more. Although our campuses are committed and remain focused on these deserving students, budget constraints and certain legal restrictions prevent us from doing more. I remain open to considering additional measures we can undertake with our limited resources, and would be willing to explore partnerships with the other two systems of California higher education.

Thank you again for your interest and your continued advocacy on behalf of our undocumented students.

Sincerely,

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Dear UC President Janet Napolitano, CSU Chancellor Timothy White, and CCC Chancellor Eloy Oakley:

Thank you for your recent statements, collectively and individually, about the importance of our Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) students. As you are aware, California has the largest concentration of DACA students in the country, and they represent some of the best hope for our future.

We are writing to request an additional measure of support from you as President and Chancellors of California’s public higher education institutions. Many of our DACA and Dreamer students have needed legal assistance and other forms of support in the wake of the federal administration’s decision to rescind the DACA program last September.

Unfortunately, not all of our campuses have support services in place to assist these students. While all nine of the University of California undergraduate campuses have physical support centers for DACA, temporary protected status (TPS), and undocumented students, only about half of the California State University campuses have a dedicated support location, and less than half of the California Community Colleges have permanently dedicated personnel or physical support locations to assist these students.

We request that you jointly explore the possibility of expanding these support services and, if feasible, allow DACA and Dreamer students to use the support facilities and services at any UC, CSU or CCC campus statewide, regardless of their enrollment in a different system, without fear of repercussion or retribution and without need for payment. The difference such a gesture will make to our students will be incalculable.

Thank you again for your continued support of DACA students across the state and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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