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Dear Chair Miller, President Bruno, and Chair White:

Thank you for your letter of February 12 regarding the possibility of sharing undocumented and immigration support services across the University of California (UC), California State University (CSU), and California Community Colleges (CCC). In particular, I appreciate our collective commitment to supporting California's undocumented students, more than 72,000 of whom study on UC, CSU, and CCC campuses. And I thank all of you for your ongoing advocacy on behalf of these bright and deserving students.

As you note in your letter, while our educational commitment to these talented, hard-working students is not in doubt, uncertainty at the federal level has put additional pressure on UC's existing support services and facilities. Even before the U.S. Attorney General announced cessation of the DACA program, both the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center (ILSC) and UC campuses' Undocumented Student Centers were heavily impacted and struggling to meet existing demand for support and resources. Increased demand and limited funding require that we prioritize existing resources toward the greatest effect. And while UC does host ILSC and Undocumented Student Center
services on each campus, we also enroll the smallest proportion of undocumented students across the three systems.

That said, I welcome the opportunity to explore opportunities for our three systems to collaborate on better support of undocumented students, taking into consideration the current constraints that prevent UC from supporting additional undocumented students without an infusion of additional resources.

Thank you again for reaching out, and for confirming our collective commitment to California’s undocumented students.

Yours very truly,

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