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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of [insert organization name here], I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 2813 (De La Torre).

There are currently half a million Hispanic students in California's community colleges, CSUs and UCs statewide, and many current and future Hispanic students could benefit from changes to Cal Grant awards. Our state needs a well-educated workforce, and investments in the current generation will yield many economic benefits in the future.

Many students who are financially needy and have proven they can succeed in college have been denied a Cal Grant award because of current restrictions. Cal Grant eligibility requirements are limited to persons under the age of 24. However, many Latino students are returning students, or otherwise not of traditional college-going age, and are hampered in their ability to obtain an education because they are no longer eligible for a Cal Grant award. Increasing the age cap to 27 would have a positive effect on many Hispanic students and the state's economic future.

I respectfully request you sign this legislation into law when it comes before you. Should you require any additional information, please contact [insert appropriate information here].

Sincerely,

Name

Title

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