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**RE: Letter of Support for SB 1563**

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 Senator Escutia's SB 1563, which would create the Community College Early Assessment Pilot Program.

Currently, 80% of all Latino students attending a public California college or university are at a community college. The Community College Early Assessment Program would give Latino students a better understanding of their readiness for college level work, as well as allow time for them to adequately prepare to attend a California community college. The California State University system already provides this invaluable service to prospective students and we hope that by expanding the program to community colleges we can increase the pipeline of students going on to complete undergraduate and graduate degrees.

I respectfully request that you sign SB 1563 into law when it comes before your desk.

Should you require any additional information, please contact [insert appropriate information here].

Sincerely,

Name

Title

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