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The Honorable Senator Jack Scott
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1315

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf [\[insert organization name here\]](#), I am writing in support of AB 1315.

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.

Cal Grant B allows financially needy students to cover the indirect costs associated with attending college. While Cal Grant B used to cover about 20% of indirect costs, it currently covers only around 11% of those costs. AB 1315 will slowly increase the size of the award until it covers 20% of indirect costs. This bill is important to Latino students who cannot contemplate, let alone successfully complete, a post-secondary education if they cannot cover the costs of books, supplies, or transportation.

We respectfully request your support of this legislation and urge your committee to vote in support. Should you require any additional information, please contact [\[appropriate information here\]](#).

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Address if not on letterhead

cc: Senator Abel Maldonado, Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Education