

Date

The Honorable Kevin Murray  
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
California State Capitol, Room 5050  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for Assembly Bill 1315

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf of [\[insert organization name here\]](#), 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 the 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.

I respectfully request that you support AB 1315, and urge your committee to vote in support. Should you require any additional information, please contact [\[insert appropriate information here\]](#).

Sincerely,

Name

Title

Address if not on letterhead

cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee