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The Honorable ######

Member of the Assembly

State Capitol, Room ####

Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 927 Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Position: SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember ######:

On behalf of the ###**, I am asking you to support Assembly Bill 927 by Assembly Member Jose Medina,**which would permanently grant California's Community Colleges the right to offer specific baccalaureate degrees.

Specifically, AB 927 would remove the community college baccalaureate degree program's pilot program status and make the authority permanent. It would also remove the restrictions limiting this authority to only 15 districts to participate, with each district only being allowed to offer one degree. The measure would still require Community colleges to consult with the California State University and the University of California on any degree it seeks to confer.

AB 927 would allow our colleges to develop degrees that address our specific regional needs, leading directly to employment opportunities. These degrees would be affordable, costing half the price of a CSU degree at around $10,000 over four years and significantly less than comparable programs at for-profit institutions. By allowing students to earn a baccalaureate degree, graduates would make more and have a greater chance to advance in their chosen profession.

For the above reasons, we urge you to support AB 927. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at #####.

Sincerely,