DATE

The Honorable Gavin Newsom

Governor, State of California

1021 O Street, Suite 9000

Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1400 (Bryan) – Student financial aid: College Access Tax Credit Fund: community college**

**student transfers: Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Position: **Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of DISTRICT NAME, **I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 1400 by Assemblymember Isaac Bryan,** which would award scholarships to California Community College transfer students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Historically Black Colleges and Universities provide students with learning environments that promote positive racial identities and cultural awareness, empowering students to fully engage in their academics with confidence. The supportive and inclusive environment at HBCUs position Black students to thrive academically, socially, and professionally, and help prepare them for success in their future careers. Since California does not have any HBCUs, students who wish to attend HBCUs must attend college out of state, making them ineligible for state-based financial aid. AB 1400 (Bryan) would refocus under-utilized funds generated by the College Access Tax Credit to ensure that California Community College HBCU transfer students are financially supported.

[OPTIONAL: INSERT DISTRICT-SPECIFIC REASONS FOR SUPPORTING AB 1400]

For these reasons, DISTRICT NAME respectfully requests your signature on AB 1400 (Bryan). If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at PHONE NUMBER or E-MAIL.

Sincerely,

-SIGNATURE-

FIRST NAME LAST NAME

TITLE

DISTRICT NAME

CC: Assemblymember Isaac Bryan