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The Honorable Josh Newman  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Room 6520  
Sacramento, California 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1749 (McCarty)**  
**Position: Support**

Dear Chair Newman:

The California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office is pleased to **SUPPORT** Assembly Bill 1749, which would require the University of California (UC) to participate in the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT) program.

As the largest provider of workforce training and primary entry point for transfer students, California community colleges are critical to increasing baccalaureate degree attainment. Over 50% of California State University (CSU), and nearly 30% of UC bachelor's degree earners started at a community college. Since its inception in 2010, the ADT has resulted in unprecedented increases in the number of students transferring from a community college to a CSU, yet significant racial and regional equity gaps persist. Multiple transfer pathways result in needless complexities that can delay student transfer plans. AB 1749 would help eliminate duplication and confusion regarding the transfer process by allowing students who complete an ADT to also receive guaranteed admission at a UC.

When all segments are aligned under one student-centered transfer ecosystem, students win. Under the *Roadmap for the Future*, California has a bold vision to achieve 70% postsecondary degree and certificate attainment by 2030. AB 1749 represents a meaningful commitment in fulfilling this important goal. We thank you for your leadership on this vitally important issue. If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (650) 704-9477 or [dobrien@cccco.edu](mailto:dobrien@cccco.edu).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David O'Brien'.

David O'Brien  
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cc: Members of the Senate Education Committee  
Assemblymember Kevin McCarty