

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA



April 28, 2010

Dear Martha,

Yesterday, while commemorating the 50th anniversary of California's Master Plan for Higher Education, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger **pledged to veto a state budget** that "tinkers" with his January budget for higher education. The Governor's January proposal restored \$610 million in state funds to UC and CSU and funded enrollment growth in all three segments.

This is a welcome statement, particularly with state revenues appearing pessimistic leading up to the Governor's May Revision of his budget plan, expected to be released May 14.

I hope you will join me in writing the governor, thanking him for his veto pledge, and further asking that he withdraw three bad higher education proposals included in his January budget.



Contact Governor Schwarzenegger today in one of three ways:

1. Send a letter, using [this sample](#).
2. [E-mail](#) the governor (select "Budget" from the drop-down menu).
3. Call the governor at (916) 445-2841 and leave a voice mail. You can also call the [regional office](#) closest to you.

Here are the points that I hope you'll join me in emphasizing:

- **Thank the governor for threatening to veto a budget** that reduces proposed investments for enrollment growth in community colleges, the California State University and University of California.
- Ask the governor to **reconsider his proposed suspension of the Competitive Cal Grant program**, which serves low-income Californians, particularly those that have become unemployed, as it is available to students over age 24.
- Further, encourage the governor to **withdraw his proposed cuts to the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) and Part-time Faculty Office Hours programs**. The programs are essential to ensure that low-income students have access to college, and that a faculty member will be there to meet with them when they need academic help.

These will continue to be difficult times for all of state government, as the state's \$19.9 billion deficit will be difficult to close, with federal funds likely to be much lower than anticipated, and sluggish state revenues. However, the governor is listening to California's educators, employers, the social justice community, students and families and is outlining a vision for stopping the hemorrhaging from our colleges and universities.

Let's help him achieve that vision and get California back on track.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott".

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