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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Re: Senate Bill 1440 (Padilla): REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) respectfully requests your signature on SB 1440.

The Commission is pleased to support SB 1440, as amended on August 20, 2010, which establishes the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act.

SB 1440 requires that a community college student that receives an associate degree for transfer be deemed eligible for transfer to a CSU baccalaureate degree, if the student meets specified requirements. This degree deems the student as eligible for transfer into a California State University (CSU) baccalaureate program for that major, or one similar to the student's community college area of emphasis.

SB 1440 provides these transfer students with priority admission status in the CSU and it prohibits CSU campuses from requiring a transferring student to repeat courses that are similar to those taken at the community college that counted towards the units required for the associate degree. The bill requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to review the program and report its findings to the Legislature within four years of the start of this program.

The Commission supports the expansion of transfer options for community college students who meet coursetaking requirements for transfer into the CSU. This bill further encourages community colleges and CSU campuses to work together to develop more effective articulation agreements and to otherwise facilitate the acceptance of units earned at other community colleges toward the associate degree for transfer into the CSU.

The Commission respectfully asks you to sign SB 1440 into law.

Sincerely,

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