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Dr. Jack Scott, Chancellor
California Community College Chancellor's Office
1102 Q Street
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RE: Student Success Task Force, Recommendations

Dear Dr. Scott,

We would like to thank the Student Success Task Force for keeping the mission of the California Community Colleges and the spirit of the California Master Plan for Higher Education in the revision of the Student Success Task Force's Recommendations. California Community College noncredit programs contribute vital educational resources to the communities they serve and help build positive relationships between the colleges and their communities.

Continuing Education and noncredit programs benefit our students and our communities by providing life skills and personal successes that lead to higher education, professional and economic advancement, self-sufficiency, personal independence and civic participation. In addition to the direct benefits derived from personal education plans, educating noncredit populations leads to substantial gains for our colleges and the community through their continued participation in our economy and fiscal savings to our state. Noncredit community college students provide political support for California Community Colleges and local governments as voters who value education and make informed and rational decisions at the polls. We applaud the Student Success Task Force for recognizing and protecting the needs and contributions of these important populations.

Thank you also for listening to the thousands of stakeholders who voiced their support for an education system they feel is currently successful. Students, educators and statewide organizations alike are following the diligent progress and process of the Student Success Task Force's recommendations and appreciate your continued support. The populations served by the California Community Colleges are very diverse, and it's more important than ever that individual colleges continue to exercise local control over their course offerings.

As the Student Success Task Force's Recommendations go forward, we ask for your continued support and your thoughtful consideration, and know that you will take into account the thousands of students who will be impacted by your decisions.

Sincerely,

The CCCEO

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California Community College Board of Governors Members