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The Honorable Mike Fong, Chair
Assembly Higher Education Committee
1021 O Street, Room 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2422 (Caloza) Student Financial Aid: Delayed Financial Aid Awards: Extensions:
Sponsor**

Dear Assemblymember Caloza,

On behalf of (ORGANIZATION NAME), I am writing to express strong support for AB 2422, which protects California's postsecondary students from being penalized for administrative delays in financial aid disbursements that are beyond their control. AB 2422 will require the California State University (CSU), California Community Colleges (CCC), and state-funded private institutions to automatically extend tuition and enrollment deadlines for students with pending aid. By prohibiting punitive actions, such as late fees, transcript holds, or dropping students from classes, AB 2422 ensures that a student's right to education is not contingent on the processing speed of federal or state aid bureaucracies.

In recent academic years, systemic failures in processing FAFSA and CADAA rollouts have created unprecedented barriers for students. These backlogs create uncertainty among students, leaving them unsure whether they can remain in school while awaiting time-sensitive funds such as Cal Grants or the Middle Class Scholarship. Approximately 20% of students have temporarily withdrawn due to financial stress, and 56% of adult learners cite a lack of fiscal "safety nets" as their primary barrier to completion. Amid the ongoing federal uncertainty, including actions by the Trump Administration to restructure and pause financial aid programs, safeguarding students from instability is vital.

[2-3 SENTENCES COVERING THE REASONS WHY YOUR ORGANIZATION SPONSORS
AB 2422 AND WHY YOU THINK THIS BILL IS IMPORTANT]

Creating legislative protections for this issue will lead to more students completing their higher education and possibly pursuing better, more advanced careers after graduation. Some students may seek a postgraduate degree with the money they have saved. For these reasons, (ORGANIZATION NAME) is pleased to support AB 2422.

Sincerely,

(INDIVIDUAL NAME)

(ORGANIZATION NAME)