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## **RE: SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 488 (Portantino)**

Dear Assembly Member Portantino:

I am writing on behalf of the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA), a non-profit, professional membership association representing nearly 800 members at 109 California Community Colleges, in support of AB 488 –California Community Colleges Access Grant Program.

The program is conceptualized as a simple and flexible direct aid program critical to the affordability of the cost of attendance at a community college. With skyrocketing “access costs” (such as books, supplies, computers, food, rent and transportation) many low-income students struggle to afford a community college despite low enrollment fees and the State’s fee waiver program. The California Community Colleges Access Grant would help to bridge this unmet “access cost” gap for our students. The California Community College system does not have such a program and our students need this support

Thank you for introducing this very important bill and for keeping the State of California’s commitment and assurance, even with the State’s low enrollment fees, that affordability of higher education never becomes a financial barrier to our needy student’s ability to pursue their college education. We are pleased to go on record with our support for AB 488.

Beth Asmus  
President