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The Honorable Karen Bass
State Capitol, Room 319
Sacramento CA 95814
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RE: Support Assembly Bill 1540 (Bass)

Dear Assembly Member Bass:

I am writing in support of AB 1540 on behalf of the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA), a non-profit, professional membership association representing nearly 700 members at 109 California Community Colleges.

Now that the Assembly Appropriations Committee has stricken the language from the bill that authorizes use of the Student Loan Operating Fund as funding for the Cash for College Program, CCCSFAAA wishes to remove its opposition on AB 1540. CCCSFAAA supports financial aid outreach, but not at the cost of legislating funding from the Student Loan Operating Fund (EdFund). This would have permanently provide a source of funding but also raided the limited resources of EdFund, while doing so without evaluating the effectiveness of the Cash for College Campaign. CCCSFAAA is pleased to now join the many supporters of AB 1540 – the Cash for College Program bill.

Thank you for your work to help keep the promise to the State's 2.5 millions students, who currently attend the 109 California Community Colleges, that a college education is never out of reach for anyone who desires one but believes they cannot afford it.

Beth Asmus
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