

The Honorable Mike Fong
Chair, Assembly Higher Education Committee
1020 N Street, Room 173
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1920 — SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Fong,

On behalf of _____, I am pleased to express our strong support for AB 1920, which provides an important clarification to the California College Promise Program to ensure students are not penalized for earning certificates that are part of a structured pathway toward an associate degree.

AB 1920 addresses a narrow but significant issue in current law. Existing statute states that students who have previously earned a degree or certificate may be ineligible for a California College Promise fee waiver. In practice, this language has created uncertainty when students earn certificates during enrollment that are intentionally embedded within a course sequence leading to an associate degree.

Many California Community College programs are designed around stackable credentials that recognize academic progress, build workforce-relevant skills, and support timely completion. Without clarification, students working toward an associate degree through these structured pathways could risk losing Promise eligibility simply for earning an interim certificate — an outcome that runs counter to student success and workforce preparation goals.

AB 1920 provides a clear and targeted solution by specifying that a certificate awarded as part of a course sequence leading to an associate degree shall not make a student ineligible for a California College Promise fee waiver. This clarification will help ensure consistent implementation of the law, remove unintended disincentives to awarding pathway-aligned credentials, and support students as they make meaningful progress toward completion.

For these reasons, _____ respectfully urges your support for AB 1920.

Sincerely,