

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 14, 2014

The Honorable Janet Napolitano
Office of the President
University of California
1111 Franklin Street, 12th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607

Dear President Napolitano:

As members of the California delegation, we write to express our concern regarding the proposed plan to increase tuition at the University of California's 10 campuses by as much as 5 percent a year for the next five years. We commend the University of California for keeping tuition and fees consistent over the past three years and urge continued commitment to our students by maintaining the full four-year tuition freeze.

The University of California system has historically been a leader in high-quality, affordable education. However, over the past decade tuition has more than doubled, to \$12,192 this year from \$5,684 in 2004-2005. The proposed tuition increases threaten to jeopardize affordability, especially for low-income and middle-class students, by raising the cost of tuition alone to \$15,564 by 2019. Breaking the assurance of a four-year tuition freeze sends the wrong message to California's students and families who deserve the certainty the freeze provides.

The University of California's public mission is vital to the innovation that drives California's economy. It's important that we maintain this commitment to excellence and accessibility for future students. We urge you and the University of California Board of Regents to uphold the four-year tuition freeze and work together with the Governor to find a long-term, sustainable solution that provides consistency without disproportionately burdening California students.

Sincerely,



Ami Bera, M.D.
Member of Congress



Zoe Lofgren
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