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**Assembly Bill 2372 and  
New Revenue for the University of California**

Dear President-Designate Yudof:

Thank you for considering our meeting request. We understand this is a very busy time for you, and we look forward to welcoming you to California.

We would like to alert you to the remarks of several UC Regents at yesterday's Regents Finance Committee meeting during the debate on another tuition increase. They call for your urgent attention as the state budget is being negotiated.

Today's edition of the San Francisco Chronicle reports:

During the regents' discussion about the tuition increases, several regents said the universities were letting the governor and the Legislature off the hook by approving tuition increases.

"I very much worry that if we vote today to increase fees, the pressure is off as the Kabuki dance begins," said Regent Bonnie Reiss. "I hate to be constantly throwing up our hands and say there is a budget deficit and not doing our bit and keeping up the pressure on the Legislature."

But Regents Chairman Richard Blum told the students there was no other option at this point.

"We take what you say to heart. These are serious times with serious problems, and this board has an obligation to face the reality of the many problems this university has," he said. "Unless there is a major tax increase, the university is going to get hit pretty hard this year."

In addition to the statewide tuition relief ballot initiative currently in circulation (referenced in our prior letter), students from every UC and CSU campus are sponsoring the identical Assembly Bill 2372 in the state legislature.

It would provide exactly what several Regents, including the Chair, called for yesterday: both tuition relief for students and new revenue for the university through a tax increase on the very wealthy. The Legislative Analyst's Office projects that the tax would raise \$2 billion annually.

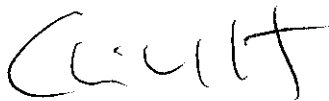
This bill already passed the Assembly Higher Education Committee, and this week passed the Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee. It now moves on to the Appropriations Committee and needs university leadership, rather than only students and their parents, advocating for it.

We are familiar with your record in Texas advocating for students before the Legislature to prevent tuition increases. While we realize your term in California doesn't begin until June, this matter calls for your attention now, while the budget is being negotiated.

We hope you will weigh in immediately on Assembly Bill 2372, either in person at the next committee hearing, or via a letter of support.

Please contact Chris Vaeth at (510) 926-4026 or [chrismv@greenlining.org](mailto:chrismv@greenlining.org) to set up this meeting.

Sincerely,



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