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Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Support for AB 1413

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to articulate strong support of the Greenlining Institute for Assembly Bill 1413.

This bi-partisan measure will improve the public dialogue, accountability and oversight of the California State University administration and Board of Trustees.

We support the goal of more transparency, especially in light of recent questions – as recently as this week – about CSU executive compensation packages.

The Greenlining Institute frequently works with college students on CSU campuses across the state. We consistently hear of the concerns of many students that their public institution cannot be trusted, especially in times of large fee increases and stagnating faculty salaries.

A lack of accountability is most troubling to those students who have difficulty paying for college – especially low-income, immigrant and minority students. AB 1413 will help restore trust and will make CSU a more transparent public institution.

We urge you to sign AB 1413 into law.

Sincerely,

Chris Vaeth
Director of Special Projects