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The Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending Request for Employment Pathways at Mt. San Antonio College

Dear Senator Feinstein:

On behalf of Mt. San Antonio College (Mt. SAC), we are writing to express our appreciation for your consideration of the college's FY 2024 Congressionally Directed Spending request for "Employment Pathways at Mt. San Antonio College."

Mt. SAC is the largest community college in California and has the largest noncredit program in the state. Our service area is one of the most impacted areas in the region for individuals who seek socioeconomic mobility. The School of Continuing Education at Mt. SAC has been implementing strategies to increase noncredit enrollment and matriculation to credit programs, particularly among underserved populations. This includes developing contextualized basic education in a variety of career-related fields, as well as increasing course offerings and attainment for noncredit students in high-demand career fields and transitioning them to credit programs. Offering low- or no-cost programs that lead to immediate employment as well as pathways to credit programs has consistently attracted nontraditional students, including single parents, formerly incarcerated, displaced workers, adult students, and other populations underrepresented in higher education.

Congressionally Directed funding would enable Mt. SAC to develop a purposeful and robust set of student support services, integrated with curriculum and instruction, to increase the transition of noncredit students into credit career programs that lead to skilled employment in family sustaining jobs. This project will positively impact the aforementioned underrepresented populations, who have disproportionately lower socioeconomic levels and lower educational attainment levels than the student population at large. This project will equip these nontraditional

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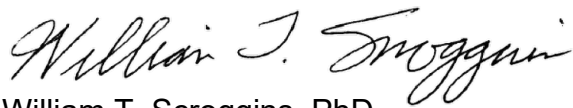


populations with pre-college skills and wraparound student services to support degree or technical certification completion, ultimately creating opportunities for economic mobility.

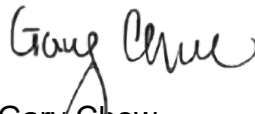
Mt. SAC already invests significant resources in our noncredit programs using state instructional funds and categorical funds to support faculty salaries, counseling, tutoring, and emergency grants to students. We will also strengthen matriculation processes and collaboration among noncredit and credit faculty, staff, and administrators. We have a long track record of institutionalizing successful strategies, and this proposed project will be no exception.

We appreciate your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



William T. Scroggins, PhD  
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