

March 13, 2023

Senator Josh Newman, Chair  
Senate Committee on Education  
1021 O Street, Room 6740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 467 (Portantino) - Support**

Dear Senator Newman:

On behalf of ORGANIZATION, I would like to express our support for SB 467 (Portantino), related to community college apprenticeship or internship training programs. This legislation would remove barriers for undocumented students who are enrolled in our workforce development and career technical education programs throughout the community college system.

Undocumented students play a critical role at our colleges, in our communities, and in our state's economy. The Legislature has historically been very supportive of these students and endeavored to create opportunities for greater access and educational attainment.

Existing law, AB 595 (Medina, 2019), provides that a student who does not possess a social security number may use an Individual Tax Identification Number (ITIN) for the purposes of a background check associated with an apprenticeship or internship training program. Although this legislation created a great deal of opportunity for undocumented students throughout the state, some community colleges have begun denying students admission to workforce or CTE programs based on their immigration status or need to use an ITIN for a background check.

SB 467 seeks to correct this problem and would prohibit a community college from denying a student access to a career technical education program based on their use of an individual tax identification number in the background check for the associated internship or apprenticeship program.

We strongly urge your support of this legislation and ask for your AYE vote when it comes before you in committee and on the floor. Thank you in advance for your consideration and your ongoing support of the community colleges.

Sincerely,

NAME  
ORGANIZATION