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CALIFORNIA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION

Dear Members of Congress:

As you consider the Senate's budget reconciliation legislation, the University of California (UC) – which includes 299,000 students, 266,000 faculty and staff, and 2.5 million alumni across ten campuses and six academic health centers – urges you to oppose the legislation and to vote “no”. UC is deeply concerned about the impact of a number of provisions in the bill that could harm the University community and make it more difficult for UC to carry out its education, research, health care and public service missions.

The University is particularly concerned about provisions that will:

- Reduce higher education access and affordability for students and families. Specifically, the bill would limit Pell Grant access for students whose institutional aid covers their full cost of attendance. It would severely restrict access to federal student loans by capping graduate and professional students' loan limits and end the Grad PLUS Loan Program, which would directly impact 6,500 UC graduate and professional students. Additionally, the bill caps the amount that parents can borrow on behalf of their student via the Parent PLUS Loan program, impacting more than 13,000 UC Parent PLUS borrowers.
- Undermine access to health care for the 15 million Californians who receive Medicaid – including causing 1.8 million Californians to lose health coverage altogether and creating additional costs and barriers for many others.
- Damage the financial ability of safety net health care providers to ensure access to care. Initial estimates suggest that once fully implemented, this bill will cut more than \$200 million per year from UC Health's reimbursement from caring for Medicaid patients and funds that support physician training in rural and underserved communities.
- Destabilize rural and underserved health care providers across the states – the California Hospital Association projects that the bill could drain as much as \$118 billion from California hospitals over the next decade. Cuts of this magnitude will harm access everywhere and are likely to raise concerns about the financial viability of providers across the state.
- Eliminate SNAP-Ed, a critical nutrition education program, and would make it more difficult for students and their families to access Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to meet basic needs and address food insecurity.

The overall impact of the legislation will reduce access to higher education and increase the cost of attending college for thousands of California students. It will similarly reduce access and increase costs for California patients seeking health care. **UC urges you to oppose the Senate reconciliation bill.**

If you have any questions about the University of California, or the work we do in your congressional district, please contact me at Chris.Harrington@ucdc.edu or (202) 997-3150.

Thank you,

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