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The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California 1021 O Street, Suite 9000 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 746 (Sanchez) – Learning-Aligned Employment Program: eligibility Position: **Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Community College League of California, I respectfully request your signature on Assembly Bill 746 by Assemblymember Kate Sanchez, which would expand career development opportunities for California's community college students participating in the Learning-Aligned Employment Program (LAEP).

The LAEP was established in the 2021-2022 Budget Act with the intention to fund career development for University of California, California State University, and California Community College students. However, as currently drafted, the LAEP limits the type of career-development employment opportunities that students can access on campus. Specifically, the program unintentionally disadvantages community college students who may not have access to on-campus research centers. This unnecessarily restricts the different career opportunities that students could explore through the LAEP and the industries they could potentially enter after graduation.

AB 746 (Sanchez) would strengthen the LAEP by increasing opportunities for students to experience careerdevelopment employment in multiple fields. By increasing on-campus employment opportunities, more California college students will be eligible to participate in the program, ensuring that students are equipped with the real-world knowledge and job skills necessary to succeed in their future careers.

For these reasons, among others, we respectfully request your signature on AB 746 (Sanchez). If you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 444-8641 or nune@ccleague.org.

Sincerely,

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CC: Assemblymember Kate Sanchez