

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to voice my support for the California Community Colleges 2005-06 System Budget Proposal. As an instructor at Santa Rosa Junior College, I can attest that the recent budget cuts have severely impacted the quality of instruction in community colleges. As you probably know, community colleges provide education to all facets of California society. Our mission includes: providing an outstanding undergraduate education to those who cannot afford CSU or UC; delivering efficient and cost effective workforce training and retraining to support the California economy; remediating the problems within the K-12 System; and acting as a cultural magnet for many communities. **We do it all, and we do it better.**

For too long the California Community Colleges have struggled with less than adequate funding. The proposed System Budget goes a long way towards remedying the inequities of funding higher education in California. Giving us our fair share of education funding will be by far the best way to spend education dollars. I ask that you not only maintain our funding but actually augment our budget for the sake of all Californians.

Sincerely,