

## SAMPLE LETTER TO LEGISLATORS

The following is a draft letter to send to your local legislators in support of the CSU:

*[Insert date]*

The Honorable John Doe  
California State Assembly  
Capitol Building #0000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Doe:

As a constituent and an *[alumna]* of the *[California State University, Bakersfield]*, I am writing to ask for your support for *[Cal State Bakersfield]* and the entire CSU system.

Thanks to the many opportunities I had while studying at *[Cal State Bakersfield]*, I am now pursuing my dream career as a *[petroleum geologist for the U.S. Geological Service]*. *[Cal State Bakersfield's]* many connections with corporate and government partners gave me a chance to do hands-on work on several significant programs and research projects in my field. My fellow students—and the generations of students behind me—continue to benefit from this outstanding program at *[Cal State Bakersfield]*.

At the California State University system, there are countless students with success stories like mine. The CSU is a leader in providing access to quality education for California's students. The CSU provides the majority of the skilled professional labor that is critical to the state's knowledge-based industries like agriculture, engineering, business, technology, media and computer science.

We all know that these are challenging times for California's budget, but an investment in the CSU represents a forward-thinking investment in our state's future. The CSU system creates over \$13 billion in economic impact for California alone. When the higher earnings of the CSU's graduates are taken into account, the CSU's total economic impact is \$53 billion. Essentially, California gets more than a four-fold return on every dollar the state invests in the CSU.

Please continue to support the CSU system and its 23 campuses by providing it with the full level of support it needs to continue its outstanding programs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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