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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 1504 (Medina)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 1504, which eliminates the requirement for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges to hold an election to establish a student representation fee, and removes the right of students to vote to terminate the fee.

Community college students should maintain the right to vote on whether a student representation fee is assessed or terminated. Instead, AB 1504 bypasses the election process and mandates that officials at community college campuses collect this fee from students each semester. With all the costs placed on California's college students, students should have the ability to voice their approval or objection to this fee by opting in to paying this fee through the election process, rather than only allowing students to opt-out of the student representation fee as this bill proposes to do.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannon Grove". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue rectangular background.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader