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October 29th, 2026

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Senate Majority Leader
Capitol Office, 1021 O St., Suite 8518
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

Re: Senate Bill 48 - Support

Dear Senate Appropriations and Rules Committee members,

We are writing in support of Senate Bill 48, Local Opportunities for Civil Leadership Act (also known as the LOCAL act.

The proposed local leaders program will greatly improve the accessibility of higher education for high-value, dedicated students who otherwise might have been locked out of it by their income brackets. By being provided scholarships, these students can be given the education they need to serve their community. The selection process will ensure that those selected already want to be civil leaders, and that they are well-suited to be- they only require the tools.

The UC program believes that it is our responsibility to help foster the next generation of California leaders, including the people who will one day fill the positions you now hold, and serve the people as you do.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to support SB 48.

Sincerely,
Henry Chalmers - Lobbyist
University of California - Office of the President