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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 21 (Kalra)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 21 (Kalra) essentially turns employees of our public colleges and universities into "Sanctuary State Defenders."

While I understand the desire of many to fight the current President with respect to his Administration's immigration policies, this legislation puts our employees at the University of California, the California State University, and our Community Colleges in a "no-win" situation by requiring them to be front-line soldiers in that fight.

Professors and faculty should be focused on teaching and educating. They should not be put in an unenviable position of having to notify the Chancellor of President of an anticipated visit by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency or other law enforcement officials to execute a federal immigration order.

I believe it is the job of our colleges and universities to educate students. They should not be forced into a battle that pits policy makers here in California against the policies adopted and implemented by the Federal Government. For these reasons, I am hopeful you will protect faculty and staff of our public institutions of higher learning and veto AB 21.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District