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September 20, 2017

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

RE: Requested Veto of AB 830 (Kalra)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 830 (Kalra) that repeals the California High School Exit Exam. This exam, which tests for minimum proficiency in English and math, has been in place since Governor Gray Davis proposed it.

With the world becoming more competitive, it is important that our high school graduates have at least a minimum proficiency in English and mathematics. The notion that our children should receive a high school diploma just because they showed up most of the time and didn't learn anything is harmful to our future generations.

We spend nearly 50% of our state budget on education, and our citizens deserve a school system that prepares our children for a productive future. That can only be achieved by requiring our students to actually learn the material that is being taught. The only way to verify that our children are learning is to test them. That is why exams such as CAHSEE are crucial to ensure our future generations are prepared to prosper during their adult years.

The CAHSEE works. It is proven. It should not be repealed, and that is why I am hopeful that you will consider a veto of AB 830.

Sincerely,

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

Jeff Stone  
State Senator, 28<sup>th</sup> District