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**Resolution in Support of Urging Congress and the President to
Amend the Budget Control Act of 2011
Before its Effective Date to Alleviate Cuts to Education**

Whereas, today's elementary, secondary and postsecondary students are the future leaders, innovators and scholars of our nation;

Whereas, California has the most populous and diverse student body in the nation;

Whereas, the federal Budget Control Act of 2011 imposes across the board cuts, known as sequestration, amounting to 8.2% cuts to educational grants and programs benefitting California's students;

Whereas, anticipated cuts to TRIO and GEAR-UP will leave low-income and underrepresented California students without the tutoring, counseling, and financial aid assistance necessary for them to access and be successful in college;

Whereas, cuts to English Acquisition State Grants will result in over 113,500 California English Language Learners losing vital services intended to promote language proficiency and academic achievement;

Whereas, 5,700 Federal Work Study recipients and 15,000 Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant recipients will fail to receive \$16.7 million in financial aid for college in California and the loss and/or reduction of Pell Grant funding after the first year of the sequester will affect more than one million California college and university students; and

Whereas, a projected \$15 million in cuts to State Grants for Career and Technical Education means over 330,000 California high school and community college students will cease to receive preparation for employment in high-demand, 21st century fields; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the California Student Aid Commission strongly urges Congress and the President to take all steps necessary to protect students from harmful sequestration cuts to financial aid and educational support services proven successful in California and all across the nation.

Signed February, 22, 2013.

Chair

Executive Director