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The Honorable Don Perata  
Chair, Senate Rules Committee  
State Capitol, Room 400  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT for Confirmation of Commissioners Sandoval and Johnston

Dear Senator Perata,

On behalf of the California Community Colleges Student Financial Aid Administrators Association (CCCSFAAA), I am writing in support of the reconfirmation of Commissioners James Sandoval and Dean Johnston. CCCSFAAA is a non-profit, professional association representing over 800 members at 109 California Community Colleges. One of the Association's fundamental principles is to participate in cooperative efforts to develop effective student financial aid programs that enhance access to higher education. The California Student Aid Commission is a vital partner in these efforts.

Due to the complexity of student aid, it is imperative that the Commission include representatives with experience in the administration of state and federal student aid programs. Commissioners Sandoval and Johnston both have responsibility for student aid programs in their current positions of employment. Chair Sandoval has over 20 years experience in higher education with the majority of those years having over-site of student financial aid program administration. Commissioner Johnston has an in-depth knowledge of the business administration of a non-profit organization as well as student financial aid program administration.

Both Chair Sandoval and Commissioner Johnston stepped forward to take positions of increased responsibility during a time of uncertainty for the Commission. This speaks loudly of their commitment to California's students. Their leadership on the Commission has lead to increased communication with the students, colleges, and community partners. Maintaining continuity, stability and leadership within the Commission is vital to serving students.

It is without reservation that the CCCSFAAA Executive Board endorses the reconfirmation of Chair Sandoval and Commissioner Johnston.

Sincerely,

Karen Micalizio  
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