

Thank you for joining us in the fight to provide emergency financial aid for undocumented and vulnerable populations by supporting \$2.5 million ongoing funding and \$7.5 million for emergency financial aid!

In this document you'll find suggested content to use across social media and your email lists. As a coalition member, your voice is critical to winning this fight. Please join by spreading the word online, and feel free to rewrite or pick and choose from the language below to suit your needs.

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Email

Subject line: UCSA Calls on California's Leaders to Support Undocumented Students In the Wake of COVID-19

FNAME//Friends —More than ever before, undocumented students need the support of our state in order to support their basic needs and prioritize their financial security.

Undocumented students have been left out of almost all relief efforts to date. The federal stimulus funds and other emergency aid provided through the CARES Act exclusively prohibits undocumented students from being able to access them, per the specific direction of the U.S. Department of Education. And while the State of California has lead the effort to support its undocumented workers, undocumented students are still left with no safety net, experiencing some of the highest levels of food and housing insecurity in our institutions, and with the impending Supreme Court expected to issue a ruling on the DACA Case any day now, the financial condition of these students could be substantially worsened.

Meanwhile, while the UC Office of the President (UCOP) has been financially supporting undocumented student services through internal funding, the state legislature's recent reductions in the UCOP budget line item over the past several years has left most undocumented student programs at the UC with dwindling short-term funds that the University may not be able to renew support for during its financial hardships. Even as the COVID-19 pandemic drives demand for these services and the Supreme Court DACA case decision nears its release, financial support for Undocumented Student Resource centers and their programs has been difficult to secure.

In lieu of these realities, the UC Student Association is calling upon our state leaders to provide funding to support our vulnerable undocumented students during these times. Specifically, UCSA requests a \$2.5 million ongoing funding to be provided in order to sustain the vital resources that

undocumented students receive through their campus resource centers, as well as a \$7.5 million one-time funding for the purpose of providing undocumented students financial aid and emergency relief.

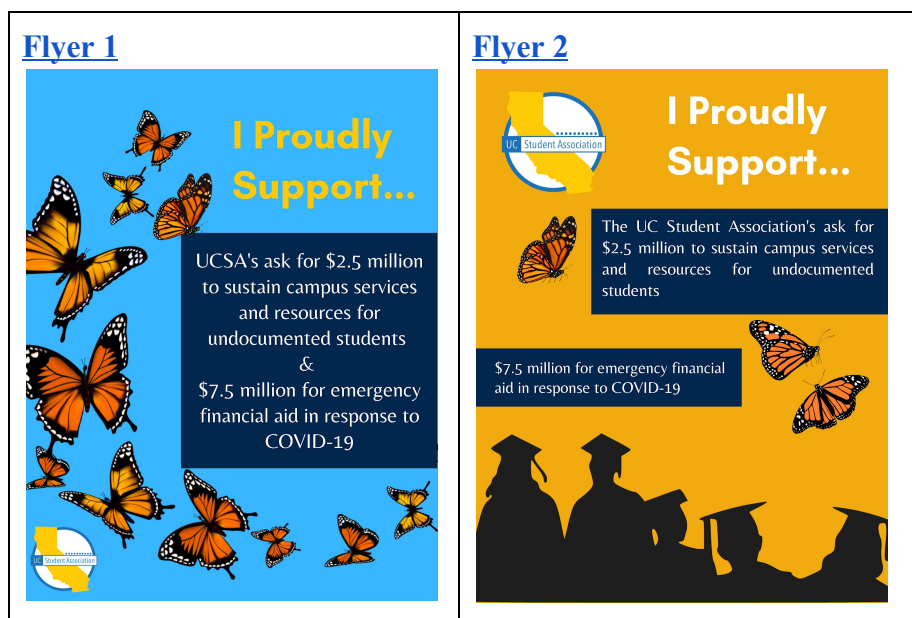
We further ask our federal representatives and members of the California Delegation to advocate for the extension of DACA and EAD authorization period for those whose authorizations are set to expire in 2020 in order to mitigate the economic impact that their recipients face.

Regardless of immigration status, it is pivotal that all students should have access to housing, food, and health care. We hope that California's state and federal representatives stand with the UC students in closing the resource and funding gaps for our undocumented students.

Sincerely,
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Social Media Content (#DigitalSLC #EquityDriven)

Support undocumented students 🙌📖

Did you know that undocumented students are not allowed to receive emergency financial aid under the CARES Act? Let's tell our state leaders that we won't stand for exclusion of undocumented students. 💪

What does it mean to lead an equity-driven recovery? It means taking action to support undocumented students through state funding so that no student has to worry about whether they can make rent or feed themselves in a crisis of this proportion. #EquityDriven

No one should be excluded from receiving financial aid due to their immigration status. Not ever, and especially not now during the #COVID19 crisis. We want undocumented students to be included in all emergency financial aid funds disbursed to our students! 🌍📌

Equity means supporting those who are the most vulnerable, not excluding those most in need. We need our policymakers to provide financial aid and resources to undocumented students now. 🦋