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### Re: UC Students See Promise in the Governor's January Budget

*SACRAMENTO, CA* - The University of California Student Association (UCSA), representing over 285,000 students across the University of California system, welcomes Governor Newsom's January budget proposal as a continued promise of this administration to reinvest in higher education.

UCSA President Esme Quintero-Cubillan, a senior at UC Santa Barbara, issued the following statement regarding the released budget:

"Students are enthusiastic about the much-needed certainty that this multi-year compact provides for the University, as well as the opportunity it presents for necessary change. We maintain that realizing our shared commitment to affordability and accessibility also requires the state to invest in modernizing the Cal Grant, but we look forward to working with the Governor's office and the state legislature to continue building on the strong framework presented in this January proposal."

UCSA Government Relations Chair Alex Niles, a junior at UC Santa Barbara, added the following comments regarding the released budget:

"We are particularly grateful for the Governor's proposed funding for resources serving former foster youth at the UC. This funding will go a long way toward closing equity gaps facing one of the most vulnerable student populations at the UC. We hope to work with the state to extend similar support for programs targeted at serving undocumented and system impacted students."

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About UCSA: The University of California Student Association is the official voice of over 285,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students from all ten UC campuses. It is

our mission to advocate on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality of the University of California system.