

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Re: SB 1460 (Cedillo) – Veto

Dear Gov. Schwarzenegger:

I am writing in opposition to SB 1460, introduced by Sen. Gil Cedillo and asking you to veto this bill. This measure requires California State Universities and California community colleges to offer financial aid programs to students who are not citizens of our state or nation.

As a California taxpayer, I find this bill very troubling. It would provide yet another magnet for illegal immigration. We already have millions of illegal aliens in this state, causing a severe financial burden on citizens and legal residents.

It is simply and grossly unfair that an American student from Virginia or North Dakota or Oregon has to pay the out-of-state tuition at any of the University of California campuses, while those students who are illegally present in our state are heavily subsidized by California taxpayers.

Our state already has far too many problems that can be laid at the doorstep of our unenforced immigration laws and our budget woes are well known to all. In February, 2010, Los Angeles Supervisor Michael Antonovich shared figures released by the county's Department of Public Social Services indicating that the cost of illegal immigration to Los Angeles County alone exceeds \$1 billion, excluding the cost of education.

We do not need to add to this burden. It is immaterial what their country of origin may be, as all illegal alien students should be ineligible for any financial aid from the taxpayers' coffers.

Once again, please veto SB 1460.

Sincerely,