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The Honorable Kevin McCarty The Honorable John Laird

Chair Chair

Assembly Budget SubCommittee #2 Senate Budget SubCommittee #1

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**RE: Adult Education Budget Proposals – SUPPORT**

Dear Chairpersons McCarty and Laird:

On behalf of <<NAME OF ADULT SCHOOL/DISTRICT>>, we are pleased to strongly support the Governor’s budget proposals for adult education that ensure a COLA that is aligned to the K12 and Community College systems as well as new funding for Healthcare Vocational Education via the California Adult Education Program.

<<INSERT ADULT SCHOOL/DISTRICT OVERVIEW>>

**K12 Aligned COLA for Adult Schools – *SUPPORT***

<<NAME OF ADULT SCHOOL/DISTRICT>>is in strong support of the Governor’s proposed 2022-23 budget that includes a 5.83% COLA for Adult Education, aligned to the COLA under LCFF for K-12 districts. Our Adult School staff is subject to the same bargaining agreements which include salary negotiations influenced by COLAs. In this regard, it is critical to maintain an aligned COLA for Adult Education to avoid the need for having to make cuts to programs in order to cover any increased salary increases.

**$130M Increase for Healthcare Vocational Education – *SUPPORT***

Adult Education is the backbone of short-term vocational education for the healthcare field, offering numerous programs and certificates to support students with a career path into the health care field. At <<NAME OF ADULT SCHOOL/DISTRICT>> we are pleased to offer programs and certificates in the healthcare vocational space such <<Name a few>>. Notably, there is strong demand for these classes in our region with many of our classes at capacity and some with waiting lists. This additional funding will help to ensure access to students for this critical career pathway, especially during these unprecedented times and need for trained healthcare staff.

**Fee Waivers for Credentialing & Exams – *Ensure Access for Adult Education Teachers***

Adult Education teachers are required to have a teaching credential, the process and cost of which can be a burden and barrier to entry. We are pleased to support the Governor’s budget that includes fee waivers for exam fees ($24M) and credentialing fees ($12M) and wish to ensure these fee waivers are available to Adult Education teachers in Adult Schools as well as those in K12 districts.

<<NAME OF ADULT SCHOOL/DISTRICT>> appreciates your consideration of these budget proposals and strongly encourages your support for them in the Assembly and Senate’s budget packages. If you have any questions regarding our position, please contact Dawn Koepke, advocate with McHugh Koepke & Associates for the California Council for Adult Education and California Adult Education Administrators Association, at [dkoepke@mchughgr.com](mailto:dkoepke@mchughgr.com) or (916) 606-5309. Thank you.

Sincerely,

<<NAME>>

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Cc: California Council for Adult Education

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