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The Honorable Buffy Wicks  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 8140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Matt Haney  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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DOMINGUEZ HILLS

The Honorable Sharon Quirk-Silva  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4210  
Sacramento, CA 95814

EAST BAY

FRESNO

FULLERTON

RE: **Assembly Bill 736 (Wicks)** The Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2026 (As Amended April 10, 2025)  
**CSU Position:** Support if Amended

HUMBOLDT

LONG BEACH

Dear Assemblymembers Wicks, Haney and Quirk-Silva,

LOS ANGELES

The California State University (CSU) has adopted a support if amended position for Assembly Bill 736.

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

NORTHRIDGE

POMONA

SACRAMENTO

AB 736 is a measure which proposes a \$10 billion general obligation bond to fund affordable housing across California which will help address the housing crisis affecting our communities. The CSU respectfully requests that the legislature include \$1 billion from the proposed bond to be allocated for public higher education. Expanding student housing on CSU campuses not only improves student success and well-being but also eases pressure on local housing markets by freeing up off-campus units that would otherwise be occupied by students. Many CSU universities are in some of the state's regions facing the greatest need for affordable housing.

SAN BERNARDINO

SAN DIEGO

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

As noted in the CSU's *Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan*, there are several student housing projects approved to be built which would provide additional beds on campus for our students. The Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan alone includes projects that could accommodate more than 12,000 students. Unfortunately, there is no funding currently available to build these critical student housing units. If included in the bond, the CSU would be able to move forward with these and other projects to serve the critical housing needs across the state and system.

SAN LUIS OBISPO

SAN MARCOS

SONOMA

STANISLAUS

The CSU enrolls more than 460,000 students and is committed to supporting students so they can achieve their academic goals. Including the CSU in AB 736 would serve students and assist the state and local communities in addressing the affordable housing crisis. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [aurbina@calstate.edu](mailto:aurbina@calstate.edu) or (916) 449-3555.

Assemblymember Wicks

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anabel A. Urbina".

Anabel Urbina

Associate Legislative Advocate

Advocacy and State Relations

cc: Mónica Henestroza, Assembly Speaker's Office  
Andrew Medina, Senate President pro Tem's Office  
Nichole Muñoz-Murillo, Governor's Office  
Michael Wiafe, Governor's Office