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The Honorable Carol Liu
Chair Senate Education Committee
State Capitol, Room 5097
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RE: Sponsorship of AB 2705

Dear Senator Liu,

The University Professional and Technical Employees (UPTE-CWA Local 9119) is proud to be the primary sponsor of AB 2705 to change the language of the California Education Code that currently uses the term "part-time" faculty.

The current language is inconsistent, referring to "part-time" in some sections and "temporary" in others. The language does not accurately reflect the reality that many of these instructors have taught for many years in their same positions. More importantly, the language has been used at some colleges to impede inclusion in shared governance, collective bargaining, and other normal rights of all employees.

Respect is finally the most important reason the UPTE has sponsored this legislation. Instructors at the Community Colleges, be they tenured, or teaching as "contingents" limited to 67% of a full time load, must all have the same qualifications as defined under Course Outlines of Record. Furthermore, Contingent Faculty teach nearly half of the students in the California Community Colleges, and make up over half of the total teaching faculty. It is only fair that they be accurately described and respected for the service they provide California.

Sincerely,

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