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CO-SPONSOR FOR AB 848 (McCarty)

Dear Esteemed Members of the California State Senate,

AB 848 will stop the offshoring of University of California and California State University jobs

With AB 848, neither the University of California nor the California State University may contract for services unless that contractor certifies that the work will be performed solely with workers within the United States. Neither the University of California nor the California State University may train contract employees located in foreign countries, or train contract employees that plan to relocate to a foreign country.

In 2004 the University of California San Francisco offshored its medical transcription services to a company in Pakistan. The contractor did not believe she was paid fairly, and threatened to release all of the private medical data onto the open web if she did not get what she wanted. Luckily the dispute was resolved without incident.

In July of 2016 the University of California San Francisco offshored 17% of its IT services to a company called HCL – a contracting company out of India. The workers were given a lay off date of February 28th 2017, and were told that they were going to have to train their own replacements.

49 of the 97 workers were career employees and 12 of them were limited term employees. The remainder were not employed by the UC system. This is why we must protect career/permanent positions AND limited term positions.

Contractors and subcontractors are using taxpayer dollars to create jobs in foreign countries. State taxpayer funds should be used to create jobs in the United States and in California.

AB 848

- Stops the UC and CSU from offshoring good paying, middle class jobs out of California
- Stops the abuse of public funds whereby California tax payers money can go toward eroding the middle class within the state of California
- Demands the investment in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) economies in California
- Prevents HIPPA violations and other potential threats to patient data and patient care at UC Medical Centers

Therefore, UPTE-CWA Local 9119 is co-sponsoring AB 848 and urges your AYE vote on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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