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**COMMISSION ON  
STATE MANDATES**

Ms. Paula Higashi  
Executive Director  
Commission on State Mandates  
980 Ninth Street, Suite 300  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Higashi:

The Department of Finance has received a test claim submitted by the Santa Monica Community College District, dated July 11, 2003, from the Commission. The test claim is:

- 02-TC-47, *Community College Construction*

We respectfully request an extension from November 10, 2003 through November 26, 2003. Additional time is needed to complete our review the proposed Test Claim because of transitions and budget workload requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Kathryn Amann, Principal Program Budget Analyst at 445-9694 or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at 445-8913.

Sincerely,

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Program Budget Manager

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