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March 17, 2004

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 your letter dated February 18, 2004, granting an extension of time to file comments on (Claim No. CSM-02-TC-21 "Tuition Fee Waivers"). Due to current workload demands and the extensive research required to properly evaluate the assertions made in the above mentioned test claim, we respectfully request an extension of at least 30 days to prepare our response.

As required by the Commission's regulations, we are including a "Proof of Service" indicating that the parties to this particular claim included on the mailing list which accompanied your February 18, 2004, letter have been provided with copies of this letter via either United States Mail or, in the case of other state agencies, Interagency Mail Service.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Pete Cervinka, Principal Program Budget Analyst at (916) 445-0328, or Keith Gmeinder, state mandates claims coordinator for the Department of Finance, at (916) 445-8913.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeannie Oropeza". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeannie Oropeza  
Program Budget Manager

Attachment

**PROOF OF SERVICE**

Test Claim Name: Tuition Fee Waivers

Test Claim Number: 02-TC-21

I, Chad Rohrs, declare as follows:

I am employed in the County of Sacramento, State of California, I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to the within entitled cause; my business address is 915 L Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

On March 17, 2004, I served the attached recommendation of the Department of Finance in said cause, by facsimile to the Commission on State Mandates and by placing a true copy thereof: (1) to claimants and nonstate agencies enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon fully prepaid in the United States Mail at Sacramento, California; and (2) to state agencies in the normal pickup location at 915 L Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, for Interagency Mail Service, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this declaration was executed on March 17, 2004 at Sacramento, California.



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Chad Rohrs