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To the Members of the California Student Aid Commission:

My office was contacted last week to begin a discussion of plans for expenditure of funds provided in the College Access Challenge Grant that are dedicated to Career Technical Education outreach through the Cal Soap consortia. An initial meeting was held on November 14 during which CSAC staff informed my office of its desire to bring a proposal to you at your November meeting. There was a follow-up telephone conversation on November 18 during which it became clear that insufficient time had been available for Community Colleges and the California Department of Education to review and determine the feasibility of the proposal presented at that time.

I would like to respectfully ask you to defer any action on expenditure of the College Access Challenge Grant CTE funds until there has been an opportunity for thoughtful planning to ensure that this resource will achieve the goals for which it is intended. We will participate in a follow-up meeting with CSAC staff and California Department of Education representatives on Monday December 1 so that planning can continue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Michalowski".

Linda Michalowski
Vice Chancellor
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