



April 12, 2023

The Honorable Chris Holden, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95831

Re: AB 610 (Holden), As Introduced February 9, 2023

Position: Support

Dear Assemblymember Holden:

On behalf of the Association of California Community College Administrators (ACCCA), I am writing to support your Assembly Bill (AB) 610, which would create a five-year Youth Transit Pass Pilot Program to provide grants to transit agencies to create or expand free fare transit programs for college and K-12 students.

There are many California students who continue to face transportation barriers to and from their educational institution. AB 610 would look to assist those students by creating a transit program to expand access to fare-free transportation for students and reduce the current transportation inequities that many of the state's students face. The bill would permit transit agencies to partner with educational institutions in order to provide free transit service to the holders of free youth transit passes that would be distributed under the program.

ACCCA supports proactive efforts to identify and remove structural barriers to equity within our system, investing in equity-minded policies, practices, and resources to foster a culture where all people can fully participate in their higher education. For these reasons, ACCCA supports AB 610 and respectfully asks committee members to vote "aye" on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan K. Bray', is written over a white background.

Susan K. Bray
Executive Director

cc: Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Michelle McKay Underwood, Legislative Advocate, School Services of California Inc.