



# Petition to Rebuild the CSU

## Protect California's Future

To Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger:

The California State University has suffered a staggering half-billion dollars in budget cuts during the past two years. The university, which has provided access to quality higher education for generations of Californians, is being destroyed.

In addition to providing a gateway to the middle class for millions of our citizens, the 23-campus of the CSU make a critical contribution to the economic success of the state; for every dollar invested in the CSU more than 4 dollars are pumped into the state and local economies.

Even if the budget Compact you agreed to last May is funded, that money would not be enough to prevent devastating harm to the system. That amount is inadequate for us to recover from damage already done.

Here is what you must do to protect the CSU and California's future:

- Increase enrollment growth funding to at least 4%;
- Add at least 4.5% to the base budget;
- Provide first-year funding for ACR 73 to add tenure-track positions, reduce class size, and improve faculty-student ratio; and
- Protect student access and affordability.

California cannot afford to deny students access to quality higher education or to lose the social and economic benefits provided by the California State University system.

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