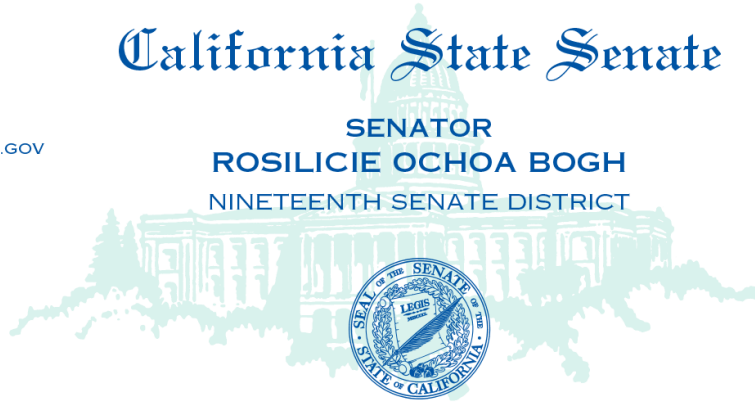


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RE: Support for the Reinstatement of the SAT/ACT Requirement for Admissions

Dear President Milliken, Chair Anguiano, and Chair Palazoglu:

We stand in strong support of the more than 3,000 professors from 250 disciplines, including five Nobel Laureates, at the University of California who have come forward to ask the Board of Regents to consider reinstating the use of SAT and ACT scores in undergraduate admissions. These distinguished faculty members span a wide variety of disciplines, including science, mathematics, social sciences, humanities, arts, business, law, and education, and serve as the primary connection between students and their universities.

These professors have seen firsthand that students entering the University of California are not prepared for the rigorous coursework that is required to complete their degrees, with many of them lacking the personal and academic skills that are necessary for student success. Data reinforces these observations, demonstrating that student proficiency rates have steadily decreased following the elimination of the standardized tests in 2020.

In light of these concerns, we respectfully request that the University of California and California State University systems reconsider their decisions. Reinstating the requirement for SAT and ACT mathematics for not only STEM majors, but for all admissions requirements, is an affirmative step toward elevating the academic culture of our universities and building a stronger generation of future learners.

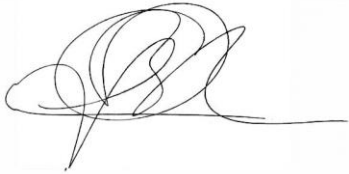
In addition, there must be meaningful efforts to meet with the professors who have expressed concerns and discuss the process moving forward in a collaborative way. These professors deserve to be heard and should be given more opportunity to voice their perspective, as well as be active participants in shaping the standards that gauge future students' readiness to fully engage with the curriculum.

We understand that the process of reinstating these admission requirements will take significant effort and forethought so they can be implemented effectively and efficiently. For that reason, we call upon the Board of Regents to move quickly towards reinstatement without delay, and we eagerly await more information from the Regents as to how you plan to move forward in a timely manner.

Our offices remain committed to working collaboratively with our higher education systems to ensure that the future of our nation remains bright.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your response. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (916) 651-4019.

Sincerely,

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ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH
Senator, 19th District

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