Dear [Representative/Senator]:

On behalf of [institution name], I urge you to support the inclusion of community college priorities in any legislation enacted to realize President Biden’s American Jobs and Families Plans. The president’s proposals recognize and reaffirm the essential contributions of community colleges in creating a strong economy and upward mobility. Americans must have affordable access to high-quality postsecondary education of all types, and these proposals would go far in achieving those goals.

These proposals that we urge Congress to enact are:

1. **Tuition-free community college.** President Biden has proposed $109 billion over ten years for a federal-state partnership that would make community college tuition-free in participating states, as detailed in the American College Promise (ACP) Act. Though community colleges have the lowest tuition of any of the higher education sectors, financial need remains a barrier for millions of students that wish to pursue a higher education. ACP would eliminate one of those barriers, freeing up other supports such as Pell Grants to better help students with non-tuition college costs. Enactment of this proposal would also send a resounding message to all Americans that college is available to everyone, and that community colleges are the place where this should happen.
2. **Community college infrastructure.** Community colleges’ ability to deliver state-of-the-art technical education is inextricably linked to having up-to-date facilities and the fixed equipment and educational resources that go with them. The increasing sophistication of technical education, which has a growing virtual component, requires continuous, large-scale capital investments. Additionally, academic facilities across the array of community colleges also need at least $60 billion in modernization. The president has proposed $12.4 billion specifically for community college infrastructure to buttress their ability to take on the roles called for in his other proposals.
3. **Community college-led job training.** The federal government has a long history of supporting the expansion and improvement of community college workforce education programs. President Biden has proposed $9 billion over 10 years to fund a similar program to help community colleges equip the nation’s workforce with the ever-growing skills demands of the modern economy. The pandemic will require major economic adjustment, and this, along with the ongoing skills gap, creates an acute need for high quality, employer-oriented training.
4. **College completion grants.** Community colleges are strongly committed to ensuring that all students achieve their educational goals and can attain a family-sustaining income. Providing students with the academic, counseling, financial management, and other tools that they need to succeed is costly, and many institutions lack the necessary resources. President Biden’s $62 billion proposed college completion grants will help more students cross the finish line. These expenditures are a complement to the federal investment in student aid.

I urge you to support these critical community college priorities and thank you for your continuing support for [institution name] and community colleges nationwide. Please let me know if you need more information.

Sincerely,