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The Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez  
Chair, Senate Education Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6740  
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**RE: AB 2551 (Elhawary): Public postsecondary education: Equity in Higher Education Act: prohibition on violence, harassment, intimidation, and discrimination: student hearings. – Sponsor**

Dear Chair Pérez,

On behalf of the California Faculty Association (CFA), a union of 29,000 professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors, and coaches who teach and provide services to the California State University (CSU) system's 485,000 students in all 23 campuses, I write in strong SUPPORT and Sponsor for AB 2551 (Elhawary), which would sunset SB 1287 by January 1, 2029, include a requirement for demographic data, and include two events on each campus for student input by 2029 on Time Place Manner (TPM) policies.

Free speech is a hallmark of democracy. A rising criminalization and silencing of dissent and protests threaten to drag the state and nation into fascism. While freedom of speech must be protected everywhere, college and university campuses have served as important sites where the critical development of thought, civic engagement, and understanding of individual and collective self as agents of change has been nurtured. Students at Kent State University expanded Negro History Week into Black History Month, Black Studies and Ethnic Studies was birthed by students at San Francisco State. The Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee brought greater vision to the Civil Rights Movement and was key in realizing desegregation. The Freedom Rides of the 1960s were pivotal to winning voting rights. Student protest helped win the end to the War in Vietnam and Apartheid in South Africa. None of these protests were comfortable to administrations, but it was necessary to advance humanity.

The state legislature adopted SB 1287 (Glazer - 2024) that, among other things, requires campuses to have TPM policies and budget language through SB 108 in 2024 that requires student notification of TPM policies and reporting to the state legislature. These bills have had unintended consequences on students and faculty and have unreasonably limited freedom of speech. These policies have led to students being disenrolled for nonviolent TPM charges and practically eliminating campus protests.

The California legislature has an opportunity to send a strong message to college campuses and the broader community by taking steps to protect free speech on campuses. AB 2551 does this by sunseting unnecessary TPM statutes, collecting demographic data on TPM complaints, and gathering student feedback on TPM policies and implementation. For these reasons, the California Faculty Association is proud to sponsor AB 2551 (Elhawary) and urges your "aye" vote.



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Should you have any questions, please contact me at [mguerrero@calfac.org](mailto:mguerrero@calfac.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario Guerrero". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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