

September 15, 2011

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **Support SB 611 (Steinberg) – Establish Univ. of California Curriculum Integration Institute**

Dear Governor Brown:

On behalf of AMERICA'S EDGE, a nonprofit organization including more than 50 business leaders in California committed to strengthening American businesses and our state's economy through proven investments in children and youth, we write in **support of SB 611 (Steinberg)** to help more high school students develop the skills and knowledge they'll need to graduate from high school prepared for success in college and career.

**Senate Bill 611** would establish the University of California Curriculum Integration (UCCI) Institute, which will bring together high school teachers, university researchers and other experts to develop new, model courses that provide students rigorous academic content that is linked to real-world applications. The goal: keep more students interested in school through project-based, applied learning opportunities that engage and better prepare them for college and career.

California's public systems of education have a significant opportunity to contribute to the state's job growth and economic recovery by aligning high school curricula more closely to the needs of growing and emerging areas of our economy. But we must increase the number of students graduating from high school ready to succeed in college and a workplace that is far more complicated and demanding than it was even a decade ago.

As an organization of business leaders, AMERICA'S EDGE is working to strengthen businesses and the economy through proven investments in children and youth. If enacted, SB 611 would support this goal.

Thank you for your work to strengthen the connection between our education systems and our economy.

Sincerely,



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AMERICA'S EDGE