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The Honorable Sasha Renée Pérez
Chair, Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6740
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 892 (Grove), Postsecondary education priority registration for veterans - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Pérez,

I am writing on behalf of the Kern County Board of Supervisors to express our strong support for SB 892 (Grove), which strengthens access to priority registration for veterans and State Guard members pursuing higher education in California.

Veterans and State Guard members face unique challenges as they transition from military service to civilian life, including employment demands, family responsibilities, medical needs, and reintegration. SB 892 recognizes these realities by ensuring that priority registration is available whenever a veteran or State Guard member is ready to return to school, rather than forcing them into a rigid timeline.

By aligning state policy with the federal Forever GI Bill, SB 892 guarantees eligible veterans four academic years of priority registration they may use at any point in their lives or careers. This clarity benefits both students and campuses and affirms California's commitment to supporting those who have served.

For all the reasons stated above, the Kern County Board of Supervisors is pleased to support this measure and respectfully asks your Committee to vote **YES on SB 892**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Phillip Peters", is written over a horizontal line.

Phillip Peters, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Honorable Members, Senate Education Committee
Honorable Members, Kern legislative delegation
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