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**Faculty Association of California Community Colleges Condemns
Executive Order Directing the Elimination of the Department of Education**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) is deeply concerned with President Trump’s Executive Order entitled “Improving Education Outcomes by Empowering Parents, States, and Communities,” which directs the Secretary of Education to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education.

“This reckless move threatens the foundation of our nation’s education system, disproportionately harming the students who rely on accessible, affordable, and quality education to build a better future. Community colleges are the backbone of this nation's workforce today, yet our mission faces unprecedented threats. The current administration's agenda of draconian cuts to education funding, attacks on vulnerable students, and now the Executive Order calling for the closure of the U.S. Department of Education threatens everything we stand for.

We're seeing targeted attacks on financial aid, diversity initiatives, protected speech, and a renewed wave of hostility toward our immigrant students and their families. The threat of deportation now hangs over our campuses, creating environments of fear rather than learning.

Make no mistake: these attacks aren't just on the Department of Education but on democracy. A society without broad access to education becomes a citizenry disengaged from the political process, casting ill-informed votes for those who benefit from an uneducated working class. Those who seek to dismantle education understand this all too well.” -Wendy Brill-Wynkoop, President, Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

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