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The Honorable David Alvarez
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2633 (Alvarez) - Brilliance Without Borders – Support

Dear Assembly Member Alvarez,

On behalf of the City of Imperial, I write in support of Assembly Bill 2633, which expands CSU's authority to offer joint degrees with universities internationally. It is especially important to the County of Imperial, which has a cross border population of 8 million annually. Like San Diego County, students travel to and from Mexico to attend college. As Imperial County continues to grow in population, the economy is also growing, particularly in the STEM fields. Most recently, the development of lithium and other minerals has flourished, with billions of dollars in investments. There also is a tremendous need for workers in the healthcare industry, putting tremendous pressure on our local universities and colleges to prepare students to meet these health demands. As we rely on the cross border trade, there is a tremendous benefit to our economy if our future workforce is educated and trained for jobs that require international expertise and knowledge of how each country handles that particular business. Expanding the ability of students to learn about how each country handles each particular field of study is an incredible opportunity for them, and will serve to develop our long-term economic growth.

For these reasons, City of Imperial supports AB 2633 (Alvarez).

Sincerely,

Robert Amparano
Mayor