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Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2003  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Support AB 224 (Portantino)**

Dear Assemblyman  Portantino,

The board of directors of the California Newspaper Publishers Association met last week and decided to support your AB 224, which would Require the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, the Board of Trustees of the California State University, the California Postsecondary Education Commission, and the Student Aid Commission, including any auxiliary organization to make available on the Internet a live audio broadcast of its public meetings. AB 224 would also request the Regents of the University of California to comply with its provisions.

California is a big state. Your bill will allow interested members of the public who cannot physically attend the meetings of these statewide bodies to nonetheless monitor their discussions, deliberations and actions. Thank you for introducing AB 224. We look forward to working with you to secure the Governor's signature approval of this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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