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February 13, 2013

Mr. George J. Opfer
Inspector General
Office of Inspector General (50)
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20430

Re: Resolution in Support of Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act

Dear Inspector General Opfer,

On behalf of Ventura County Community College District, thank you for your ongoing work with Veterans. As our Board of Trustees is committed to keeping the door open for Veteran students seeking educational opportunities in California, the Board unanimously passed the attached resolution regarding the Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act.

One area of concern for our Veteran students is the "break pay" provision, which was modified when the Veterans Educational Assistance Improvement Act was reauthorized. Under the old GI Bill, Veteran students received their housing allowance during non-school breaks such as the winter holiday break and spring break, so long as the break was less than 45 days. This was commonly called "break pay." Under SB-3447, break or interval pay is no longer payable under any VA educational benefit program unless by an Executive Order of the President or due to an emergency situation such as a national disaster or strike.

This has a devastating impact on Veteran students when colleges cancel sessions as a result of budgetary problems. Veteran students are inadvertently impacted due to the unavailability of classes

VENTURA COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Resolution In Support Of

Ventura Educational Assistance Investment Act

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WHEREAS, the California Community Colleges is the largest system of higher education in the nation, composed of 72 districts and 112 colleges serving 2.6 million students each year; and

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