

**CWA of California**  
***Action Alert***  
**April 14, 2005**

Dear Friend:

Today we focus on education again with two bills, AB 1154 (Jay La Suer, R-La Mesa) and SB 5 (Bill Morrow, R-Carlsbad). Both bills will be heard next Wednesday, April 20, by the Education Committee of their respective houses. Please take whatever action you can to support these measures. You may fax the committee, call your assembly member or senator if he or she sits on the committee, or contact all committee members via fax or e-mail.

Please remember to pray regularly for this hearing process and visit the legislation section of our [California Web site](#) for the [current status](#) of pending bills.

**AB 1154 (La Suer)**

**AB 1154** deletes the current provision allowing students to leave campus for medical services without parental knowledge or consent and requires that such consent be obtained in writing prior to release.

A sample letter to cut and paste is below. Visit our [bill list](#) for more talking points.

If your assembly member is on the Education Committee (listed below), please share your support for this bill by calling or e-mailing him or her. If you can, fax the committee at (916) 319-2187 and you may also copy the committee members as shown below. Please be sure to send a copy of your letter to Assemblyman La Suer's office at (916) 319-2177 (fax), or [Assemblymember.Lasuer@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Lasuer@assembly.ca.gov).

The Honorable Jackie Goldberg, Chair  
Assembly Education Committee  
Via E-mail/Fax

Dear Chairwoman Goldberg:

AB 1154 (La Suer) deletes the current provision in the education code allowing students to leave campus for medical services without parental knowledge or consent and requires that parents provide written permission before children may leave campus. I support this bill and ask you to do so as well.

The fact that students, who cannot receive an aspirin for a headache at school without parental permission, can be released for medical services that could have serious emotional and physical consequences is disturbing to me and to most parents. I believe the current policy undermines the relationship between schools and parents, which should be one of trust.

Our schools are always talking about the importance of parental involvement. If they mean what they say, then AB 1154 should be adopted. Please vote for AB 1154.

Respectfully,

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### **SB 5 (Morrow)**

**SB 5** asks the Regents of the University of California, the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges to develop guidelines to help guarantee free speech and free inquiry in the academic environment. It is a "Students' Bill of Rights."

The "bill of rights" should include the following goals: 1) Students will be graded on their reasoned answers, not on religious or political belief; 2) Curricula and reading lists will provide all viewpoints; 3) Faculty will not use their courses for indoctrination into viewpoints; 4) Speaker selection will provide intellectual pluralism; 5) Obstruction of speakers or destruction of campus literature will not be tolerated.

It is important to note that SB 5 is purely *voluntary*, with no grievance or enforcement mechanisms. It asks the California public institutions to police themselves to ensure greater academic freedom for university students.

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If your senator is on the committee (listed below), please share your support for this bill by calling or e-mailing him or her. If you can, please fax the committee (916) 445-7799 and copy the committee members as shown below. Please be sure to send a copy of your letter to Senator Morrow's office at (916) 446-7382 (fax), or [Senator.Morrow@sen.ca.gov](mailto:Senator.Morrow@sen.ca.gov).

### **Sample Letter Supporting SB 5**

The Honorable Jack Scott, Chairman  
Senate Education Committee  
Via Fax

Dear Chairman Scott:

I am concerned about academic freedom on our California college and university campuses and ask that you support SB 5 to help ensure that students learn differing viewpoints have the opportunity to express their own opinions without fear of ridicule or academic consequences.

Further, students should not be required to accept the personal beliefs of their instructors in order to receive good grades. SB 5 asks instructors to grade students "solely on the basis of their reasoned answers and appropriate knowledge of the subjects and disciplines they study."

The goals set forth in SB 5 are voluntary, reasonable and fair. Our universities and the students who attend them will greatly benefit from an academic environment of respect and freedom for all viewpoints. Please support SB 5.

Respectfully,

**Committee members**

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***Thank you for making a difference!***