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SAN MATEO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Office of the Chancellor

October 22, 2008

Mr. Henry M. Paulson, Jr.
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington, D.C. 20220

Re: California Public Agencies' Request for Recovery of Troubled Assets

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are a Community College District within the County of San Mateo, State of California, and a participant in the County of San Mateo's Pooled Investment Fund ("Pooled Fund"), which is managed by the Treasurer of San Mateo County. We refer to a letter recently transmitted to you by a coalition of California public agencies, including San Mateo County, and various other California counties, cities and special districts (the "Public Agencies' Letter"), asking you to consider a federal purchase and/or insurance of securities under the powers conferred on you by the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008.

We write separately, as the largest single investor in the Pooled Fund, to make you aware of the potential harm the losses due to the investment of a portion of the Pooled Fund's resources in Lehman Brothers Holding, Inc. could cause to our essential mission, which is to provide a high quality college education to the citizens of our County and the San Francisco Bay Area. We share the belief expressed in the Public Agencies' Letter that because local entity funds, such as those contained in the Pooled Fund, are the backbone of the taxpayers' community education system, the loss of this funding source in the proportions represented by the Lehman Brothers investment would seriously undermine our mission as a provider of educational benefits. We therefore heartily endorse and join the request made in the letter that the United States Treasury step in to secure the value of these taxpayer assets, and we urge you to take immediate action to do so.

Sincerely yours,

Ron Galatolo
Chancellor

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