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The Honorable Josh Newman
Chair, Senate Education Committee
1021 O Street, Room 6740
Sacramento CA

RE: Support for AB 2845 (R. Rivas)

Dear Senator Newman:

As an organization working to expose and eradicate the injustices and inequities in California schools and colleges, The Education Trust–West (ETW) is pleased to support AB 2845 (R. Rivas). This bill would codify the California Mini-Corps (CMC) program and would require the California Department of Education to annually select one county office of education to voluntarily administer the CMC program for the next fiscal year, and would require the chosen county office of education to operate not less than 20 program sites at institutions of higher education. The bill would require the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to report to the chosen county office of education the number of tutors from the 6 prior fiscal year’s cohorts who subsequently earned a preliminary teaching credential.

The California Mini-Corp program engages and supports bilingual college students with rural migrant backgrounds to serve as teacher assistants in migrant-impacted schools. AB 2845 will improve teacher diversity by codifying and building on the existing CMC program. Through enhanced accountability and stability, the CMC will continue to support aspiring bilingual teachers in regions that serve a significant proportion of migrant students.

For these reasons, we support AB 2845 and ask for your “Aye” vote.

Thank you for considering our views.



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Sincerely,

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cc: Speaker Robert Rivas
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