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Erlinda Martinez, Ed.D
President
Santa Ana College
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Dear Dr. Martinez:

Like many Californians, I am upset to hear that your educational institution is dedicating resources toward a scholarship aimed specifically at assisting students who are illegal immigrants. If this is in fact the case, as reported in the May 25th, 2010 *Orange County Register* article "Scholarship to go to Illegal Immigrants," it is an affront to law abiding citizens whose tax dollars will pay the bill. It is also an unconscionable insult to immigrants who took the time and considerable effort to come to this country legally.

While the death of Tam Ngoc Tran, illegal immigrant and Santa Ana College student, is tragic, channeling our scare resources to illegal immigrants, even if they are students, is unforgiveable at a time when so many of our citizens and legal residents are struggling to meet their own education needs. Taking education dollars away from deserving young people who need help and giving those funds to law breakers by rewarding them with scholarships, exhibits a misguided set of priorities for Santa Ana College. Under no circumstances, should taxpayer dollars be used for this purpose.

If you feel compelled to misrepresent the interests of the taxpayers and your own students, you are putting continued public financing for Santa Ana College in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

Dana Rohrabacher

Member of Congress