The Coalition of Californians for College Affordability works to strengthen need-based financial aid in California so that all students can afford to attend and complete college, allowing the state’s workforce to remain competitive.
Paying for college is difficult. Total college costs include tuition, textbooks, food, housing, and transportation, all of which are necessary to be a successful student.

College costs are the most burdensome for the lowest income students. College costs comprise the largest share of family income for the lowest income families, and low-income and underrepresented students are much more likely to graduate with debt.

Need-based financial aid brings college within reach, allowing students to enroll in college and minimizing the need to work while there so that they can complete.

Ensure that state student financial aid:
- Enables students to attend full time and complete a meaningful credential
- Protects those with the least resources from shouldering the biggest burden of college costs and debt

Target aid to students who can afford the least
- Expand need-based financial aid to help more students and better cover total college costs

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