Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
Public Testimony Registration

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For: ☐ Against: ☐	
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Written Testimony:

Dear Commissioner Paredes:

On behalf of The University of Texas System, I appreciate the opportunity to offer our comments on the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) Staff Legislative Recommendations for the 83rd Texas Legislature.

We recognize the incredible work that you and your staff have done for Texas higher education, and we applaud your continued efforts and focus on initiatives that will accelerate Texas as a national leader and global competitor in educational attainment and economic competitiveness.

The UT System supports the move toward outcomes-based funding for our academic institutions, consistent with the details of the model developed by the THECB. The UT System also supports the THECB's legislative request for additional state funding for financial aid programs. The UT System institutions know that the direct state support provided to students, especially those from families of lesser economic means, is for many the only way they can afford to pursue higher education.

We submit the following comments regarding the THECB's legislative recommendations for your consideration:

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