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### **Oppose Senate Constitutional Amendment 5**

SCA 5 is a bad idea. It rewards some at the expense of others. It is not the solution that Californians want to see in order to provide equal opportunity for all students in our school system.

As an American of Latino heritage, I certainly want to see the children in our community succeed academically and in life. As a police officer for 27 years, I also know that just letting someone “cut in line” ahead of others only creates resentment and in the long run does not achieve any of society’s goals. Creating a winner, by creating a loser is not a solution.

It is exactly this kind of thinking that has inspired me to run for the California Assembly. The idea that we can just take from one and give to another has got to stop. California spends more money on education than just about any other state. Yet we have some of the worse results when it comes to academic achievement.

SCA 5 does not address the deficiencies in our education system. SCA 5 is a band aid that merely covers up an infection that needs treatment. It’s about time the legislature fixed the real and persistent problems with our education system. That’s the way to help all the children in California achieve a quality education. Providing special treatment for a few is not the answer.

I hope every voter in California will remember SCA 5’s threat to their own child’s academic advancement when they vote this November. Perhaps then we will get a legislature that will solve our state’s problems rather than slapping on just one more band aid.