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Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-307, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
H-305, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of the Fiscal Year 2022 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill that will be marked up by the full Appropriations Committee tomorrow.

Low-income college students have been disproportionately harmed by the pandemic. Colleges have experienced declining enrollments of low-income students, particularly among students of color and students at historically under-resourced institutions. The bill approved by the subcommittee on Monday recognizes the steep challenges these and other financially disadvantaged students face by providing funding increases to Pell Grants, Federal Work Study, Supplemental Opportunity Education Grants, TRIO, GEAR UP and CCAMPIS programs.

The legislation also enhances institutional assistance, particularly for Minority-Serving Institutions, and provides additional support for technical training through the Carl Perkins Act as well as the Strengthening Community College Training Grant program. In addition, the bill provides Dreamers and DACA recipients the ability to access federal financial aid, and tightens a key accountability measure for proprietary institutions. Both provisions have long been sought by the higher education community.

The bill also identifies the critical importance of strengthening America's biomedical research capabilities by investing \$6.5 billion in additional funding at the National Institutes of Health, with \$3.5 billion more for core NIH operations, as well as an additional \$3 billion for an advanced research incubator at the NIH, exceeding the President's request. This support provides immediate and long-term dividends for our nation's physical and economic health, driving the kinds of innovation that improve the lives of all Americans.

We appreciate that this legislation prioritizes investments that will benefit Americans now and for years to come. The Fiscal Year 2022 Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Related Agencies bill under consideration by the committee will enhance

the ability of all Americans, regardless of income level, to access and attain the education necessary to realize their goals, while enhancing the economic competitiveness, health, and safety of our country. For these reasons, we urge your members to support this bill when it is marked up.

Sincerely,



Ted Mitchell
President

On behalf of:

Achieving the Dream
ACPA-College Student Educators International
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American College Health Association
American Council on Education
American Indian Higher Education Consortium
APPA, "Leadership in Educational Facilities"
Association of American Colleges and Universities
Association of American Universities
Association of Community College Trustees
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities
Association of Research Libraries
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Graduate Schools
Council on Social Work Education
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education
National Association of College and University Business Officers
National Association of Colleges and Employers
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
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