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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-305, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-204, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

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 considered on the floor as part of the FY22 minibuss of appropriations bills.

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 that the House is voting on 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 as part of the accompanying package when it comes to the floor for a vote.

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
- EDUCAUSE
- 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
- Phi Beta Kappa Society

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