



October 26, 2017

The Honorable Jeff Flake
U.S. Senate
413 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto
U.S. Senate
204 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Flake and Cortez Masto,

On behalf of the National Association of College and University Business Officers (NACUBO), I write to express support for your recently introduced legislation, S. 2007.

As you know, helping employers attract the best possible employees and build a skilled workforce is a critical part of strengthening the U.S. economy and helping our country to maintain its role as an economic world leader. The provisions contained in Section 127 of the U.S. tax code play a significant role in these efforts and support U.S. competitiveness.

Since its original enactment in 1978, Section 127 has aided non-traditional students by allowing employers to offer employees up to \$5,250 annually in non-taxable tuition assistance, but unfortunately that benefit amount has not increased in almost 40 years. Your legislation takes much needed steps to correct this oversight which has steadily eroded the value of the Section 127 exclusion over the past four decades. Additionally, building automatic inflation adjustments ensures that the benefit will continue to support the U.S. workforce for years to come without requiring legislative red tape to constantly reinvigorate the credit's usefulness.

NACUBO applauds your effort to support both non-traditional students and their employers by crafting legislation which recognizes that higher education can take many forms, all of which aids in building a stronger and more successful American populace.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Walda', with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

John Walda
President and Chief Executive Officer