

June 19, 2019

Rep. Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Rep. Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader McCarthy,

On behalf of the associations listed below, representing college leaders, educators and professionals, we write offering our strong support for the H.R. 2740, a minibus bill providing FY2020 appropriations for Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, Defense, Energy and Water, and State and Foreign Operations.

The funding allocated in these combined bills would provide needed investments in student financial aid, scientific research, institutional support and workforce training. Many of the programs covered in this bill have been cut or funded at levels below inflation over the last decade.

Increased funding in these areas will promote a number of positive outcomes. Support for federal financial aid will make postsecondary education more accessible and affordable to students and families. Enhanced scientific research funding, particularly at the National Institutes of Health, will improve the quality of life for all Americans. Strengthening student and institutional support programs will help more students succeed in college, particularly among underrepresented groups. Finally, enhancing workforce skills training will enable students to pursue multiple pathways to a career while simultaneously expanding our economy.

For these reasons, we encourage your members to vote in support when the final bill comes to the floor for passage.

Sincerely,



Ted Mitchell
President

On behalf of:

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 Council on Education
American Dental Education Association
APPA, Leadership in Educational Facilities
Association of American Colleges and Universities
Association of American Universities
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities
Association of Community College Trustees
Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Association of Research Libraries
Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Graduate Schools
Council of Independent Colleges
EDUCAUSE
ETS
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
National Association of College and University Business Officers
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
Phi Beta Kappa Society
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