



May 27, 2010

The Honorable David Obey
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
2314 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey:

On behalf of the higher education institutions and associations listed below, representing students, parents, faculty, administrators and college presidents, we write to thank you for providing \$5.7 billion to retire the current Pell Grant shortfall in the FY2010 supplemental appropriations bill before your committee.

As you know well, this funding is critical to maintaining the award levels Congress has promised America's students, and is vital to low-income students seeking to earn their college degrees. By retiring the shortfall, this bill will ensure that nearly nine million deserving students will not enter the next academic year with a cut to their financial aid.

Our organizations will work hard to ensure that all members of the House and Senate understand the significance of this funding and will urge them to support its passage. We greatly appreciate your sincere commitment to students and their families, and your efforts to ensure that all students, regardless of income, receive an equal opportunity to pursue a higher education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Molly Corbett Broad".

Molly Corbett Broad
Co-Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Warren".

David Warren
Co-Chairman



Student Aid Alliance



AACRAO: American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
Alliance for Excellent Education
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Council on Education
American Dental Education Association
American Federation of Teachers
American Student Association of Community Colleges
Association of American 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
Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organization
College Parents of America
Columbia University
Consortium of Universities of the Washington Metropolitan Area
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Council for Opportunity in Education
Council of Graduate Schools
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New York Higher Education Services Corp.
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The California State University
The College Board
The Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising
The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities
The National Collegiate Athletic Association
U.S. Public Interest Research Group
United Negro College Fund
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University of Maryland System
University of Michigan
University of Southern California
University of Washington
Utah Valley State College
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