

May 14, 2020

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

Representative Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Minority Leader McCarthy,

We write on behalf of the undersigned associations to express our support for H.R. 6800, the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions (or HEROES) Act. We appreciate the efforts of the House to mitigate the damage to students and postsecondary institutions the pandemic has caused.

This bill contains significant new funding for higher education institutions that will help alleviate the crippling financial impact posed by the coronavirus. Such support will not only assist institutions in surviving the current crisis, but will stabilize thousands of communities whose economies are anchored by colleges and universities. In addition, the bill provides sizeable relief for student loan borrowers and numerous provisions that will allow campuses greater flexibility as they seek to fulfill their educational, cultural and research missions. Finally, the bill provides COVID-19 research funding to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund further research related to the pandemic and to mitigate harmful disruptions to NIH-supported research. While significant needs remain, we are committed to working with you on them as the bill advances.

We thank you and your members for your efforts in support of America's college students and higher education institutions, and encourage the House to pass this bill when it comes to the floor.

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 Dental Education Association
American Indian Higher Education Consortium
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
Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities
Common App
Council for Advancement and Support of Education
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Council for Opportunity in Education
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National Association for College Admission Counseling
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 Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
National Association of System Heads
National Collegiate Athletic Association
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