

November 20, 2015

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Dear Speaker Ryan, Leaders Pelosi, McConnell and Reid, Chairmen Rogers and Cochran and Ranking Members Lowey and Mikulski:

We write on behalf of the 53 higher education organizations and 535 institutions listed below to request your support for a one-year extension of the Perkins Loan Program. This valuable program, which makes low-cost loans available to college students with demonstrated financial need, is strongly supported across the full spectrum of American higher education. The recent expiration of the program has caused significant concern for the hundreds of thousands of students who rely on Perkins loans to finance their

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education, and it is critical that an extension is passed as soon as possible to prevent further harm to students.

The Perkins Loan Program, founded in 1958, is the original federal student aid program. Millions of students with financial need have used Perkins loans to complete their undergraduate or graduate education. These loans, which have comparable interest rates to Stafford loans for undergraduates and are available at a lower interest rate for graduate students, include forgiveness provisions for many public service positions after 10 years. Approximately 1,500 institutions participate in the Perkins Loan Program, and last year over 500,000 students borrowed an average of \$2,000 through the program. Without an extension, 100,000 students who would be eligible will be denied access to the program and forced to find alternative (and more expensive) financing or forego their educations altogether.

The campus-based aid programs, including Perkins loans, require institutions to provide “skin in the game,” balancing any risk the federal government might incur. In order to participate in the Perkins Loan Program, institutions have to match a portion of the federal funds. Currently, nearly 30 percent of the total aid provided to students comes out of institutional funds. As borrowers repay their loans, the funding is added to a revolving fund on campuses that provides new loans to students, guaranteeing a steady source of new aid without any new federal investment. In fact, the federal government has not appropriated new funding to Perkins loans since 2004, yet the program has continued to grow because of the financial commitment of colleges and universities.

Legislation to provide this extension, the Higher Education Extension Act of 2015 (H.R. 3594) has received strong bipartisan support in both chambers. The bill was passed by the House under suspension but did not receive unanimous consent in the Senate before the expiration date. Recently, a bipartisan group of senators, representing a majority of the chamber, expressed their support for this extension. H.R. 3594 would push back the authorization of the program for one year to allow for consideration of the Perkins Loan Program within the framework of the ongoing reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. This thoughtful approach ensures that the interests of both students and taxpayers are protected until Congress has had the opportunity to examine the full range of policy options for the federal financial aid programs. In addition, this legislation fully offsets the cost of the extension by changes within the program, meaning that students benefit without any new cost to taxpayers. The organizations and institutions signing this letter strongly endorse the use of this offset for the extension.

Without additional time, campuses will be forced to wind down the program, imposing unnecessary costs on students working to pursue their postsecondary goals. Due to the urgent nature of the extension, we ask that you either advance a stand-alone extension soon or attach such legislation to a legislative vehicle (such as pending appropriations bills) likely to move to the floor before the end of the year.

We thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued support of American students and higher education institutions.

Sincerely,



Molly Corbett Broad  
President

**On behalf of the following organizations:**

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine  
American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
American College Personnel Association  
American Council on Education  
American Dental Education Association  
APPA, Leadership in Educational Facilities  
Association for Biblical Higher Education  
Association of American Medical Colleges  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities  
Association of Chiropractic Colleges  
Association of Community College Trustees  
Association of Governing Boards of Universities & Colleges  
Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design  
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of Research Libraries  
Campus-Based Aid Coalition  
Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations  
Colorado Association of Administrators of Student Loans and Accounts Receivable  
Consortium on Financing Higher Education  
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities  
Council for Opportunity in Education  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Council of Independent Colleges  
Educational Testing Service  
EDUCAUSE  
Higher Education Accounts Receivable Organization  
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities  
Kansas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

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Kentucky Association of Financial Aid Administrators  
Kentucky Association of Student Receivable Officers  
Michigan Association for Student Financial Services Administrators  
NASPA - Student Affairs Professionals in Higher Education  
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 Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators  
New York State Financial Aid Administrators Association  
Ohio Bursars Association  
State University of New York Business Officers Association  
State University of New York Financial Aid Professionals  
Student Aid Alliance  
Texas Bursars for Universities and Colleges  
UNCF  
University Professional and Continuing Education Association  
Utah Association of Student Loan Administrators  
Yes We Must Coalition

**And the following institutions:**

Abilene Christian University  
Adams State University  
Adrian College  
Albright College  
Allegheny College  
Alvernia University  
Alverno College  
American Baptist College  
Anderson University  
Anna Maria College  
Arcadia University  
Arizona State University  
Asbury University  
Assumption College  
Auburn University  
Augsburg College  
Augustana College  
Avila University  
Bacone College  
Baker University  
Baldwin Wallace University  
Barclay College  
Barton College  
Belhaven University

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Berea College  
Berklee College of Music  
Bethel College  
Bethel University  
Biola University  
Birmingham Southern College  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Brescia University  
Brevard College  
Briar Cliff University  
Bridgewater College  
Brown University  
Butler University  
Cabrini College  
California Institute of Technology  
California Institute of the Arts  
California Lutheran University  
California Polytechnic State University  
California State University, Bakersfield  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, Fresno  
California State University, Fullerton  
California State University, Maritime Academy  
California State University, Monterey Bay  
California State University, Northridge  
California State University, Sacramento  
Calvin College  
Canisius College  
Capitol Technology University  
Carleton College  
Carlow University  
Case Western Reserve University  
Cazenovia College  
Cedar Crest College  
Central College  
Centre College  
Champlain College  
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science  
Claflin University  
Claremont School of Theology  
Clark University

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Clemson University  
Coker College  
Coleman University  
Colgate University  
College of Our Lady of the Elms  
College of Saint Benedict  
College of Saint Elizabeth  
College of the Holy Cross  
Colorado School of Mines  
Columbia University in the City of New York  
Concordia College (Moorhead, MN)  
Concordia University (CA)  
Concordia University (NE)  
Concordia University (St. Paul, MN)  
Converse College  
Cornell University  
Cornerstone University  
Covenant College  
Creighton University  
Creighton University School of Medicine  
Crossroads Bible College  
D'Youville College  
Daemon College  
Dakota Wesleyan University  
Davis College  
Dean College  
Denison University  
DePaul University  
Dickinson College  
Dillard University  
Dominican University  
Dordt College  
Drew University  
Duke University  
Earlham College  
East Texas Baptist University  
Eastern Virginia Medical School  
Eckerd College  
Emerson College  
Emory University  
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Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University  
Florida International University  
Florida State University  
Fordham University  
Fort Hays State University  
Fresno Pacific University  
Friends University  
Furman University  
Gallaudet University  
Gardner-Webb University  
Geneva College  
Georgetown College  
Georgetown University  
Georgia Institute of Technology  
Gettysburg College  
Goddard College  
Golden West College  
Gonzaga University  
Good Samaritan College of Nursing and Health Science  
Gordon College  
Goshen College  
Goucher College  
Grace College and Seminary  
Graceland University  
Grand View University  
Greensboro College  
Greenville College  
Grinnell College  
Gwynedd Mercy University  
Hamline University  
Hampden-Sydney College  
Harding University  
Hartwick College  
Harvard University  
Heritage University  
High Point University  
Hiram College  
Hobart and William Smith Colleges  
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Holy Cross College

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Hope College

Houghton College

Illinois Institute of Technology

Illinois State University

Illinois Wesleyan University

Immaculata University

Indiana Tech

Iona College

Iowa State University

James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University

John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii

John Brown University

John Carroll University

Johns Hopkins University

Johnson & Wales University

Johnson C. Smith University

Judson College

Juniata College

Kalamazoo College

Kansas State University

Kent State University

Keuka College

Keystone College

Knox College

La Roche College

La Salle University

Lackawanna College

LaGrange College

Lake Forest College

Lakeland College

Lamar University

Lancaster Bible College

Lasell College

Lawrence University

Le Moyne College

Lebanon Valley College

Lees-McRae College

LeTourneau University

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Lindsey Wilson College

Linfield College

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MacMurray College  
Madonna University  
Malone University  
Manchester University  
Manhattan College  
Manhattanville College  
Maria College  
Marian University-Wisconsin  
Marist College  
Marquette University  
Mars Hill University  
Marygrove College  
Maryland Institute College of Art  
Marywood University  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
McKendree University  
McMurry University  
Meharry Medical College  
Meredith College  
Merrimack College  
Messiah College  
Methodist College  
Methodist University  
Miami University  
Michigan State University  
Michigan Technological University  
Mid-Atlantic Christian University  
Middle Tennessee State University  
Middlebury College  
Millikin University  
Mills College  
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Multnomah University  
Naugatuck Valley Community College  
Nazareth College of Rochester  
Nebraska Methodist College  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
New England Conservatory of Music  
New Jersey City University  
New Mexico Highlands University  
New Mexico State University  
New York University  
Newman University  
Niagara University  
North Carolina State University  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Northeastern University  
Northern Illinois University  
Northwest Christian University  
Northwest Nazarene University  
Northwest University  
Northwestern University  
Notre Dame de Namur University  
Notre Dame of Maryland University  
Nova Southeastern University  
Oak Hills Christian College  
Oakland City University  
Oberlin College  
Occidental College  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Oklahoma Baptist University  
Oklahoma Christian University  
Oklahoma City University  
Olivet College  
Ouachita Baptist University  
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Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico  
Presbyterian College  
Quincy University  
Randolph College  
Randolph-Macon College  
Regis University  
Robert Morris University Illinois  
Roberts Wesleyan College  
Rochester Institute of Technology  
Rockhurst University  
Roosevelt University  
Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey  
Saint Anselm College  
Saint John's University (MN)  
Saint Joseph's College, Maine  
Saint Joseph's University  
Saint Louis University  
Saint Mary's College  
Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College  
Saint Mary's University of Minnesota  
Saint Peter's University  
Saint Xavier University  
Salve Regina University  
Samford University  
San Diego State University  
San Jacinto College  
San Joaquin Delta College  
San Jose City College  
Santa Clara University  
Sarah Lawrence College  
Scripps College  
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Southwestern University  
Spring Arbor University  
Spring Hill College  
St. Ambrose University  
St. Bonaventure University  
St. Catharine College  
St. Catherine University  
St. Edward's University  
St. Francis College  
St. John Fisher College  
St. John's College (Annapolis, MD)  
St. John's University (NY)  
St. John's College (Santa Fe, NM)  
St. Lawrence University  
St. Olaf College  
St. Thomas University  
Stanford University  
Sterling College  
Stetson University  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
Stevenson University  
Stony Brook University  
Suffolk University  
Susquehanna University  
Syracuse University  
Tabor College  
Taylor University  
Teachers College, Columbia University  
Temple University  
Tennessee Board of Regents  
Texas Lutheran University  
Texas State University System  
Texas Wesleyan University  
The California State University  
The College of New Rochelle  
The College of St. Scholastica  
The College of Wooster  
The Evergreen State College

The George Washington University  
The Ohio State University  
The Sage Colleges  
The State University of New York  
The University of Chicago  
The University of Findlay  
The University of New Mexico  
The University of Texas at El Paso  
Thomas More College  
Thomas University  
Transylvania University  
Trevecca Nazarene University  
Trinity Christian College  
Trinity College (Hartford, CT)  
Trinity Washington University  
Tufts University  
Tulane University  
Tusculum College  
Union College (KY)  
University of Arizona  
University of Bridgeport  
University of California System  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Irvine  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Riverside  
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University of California, San Francisco  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Central Florida  
University of Charleston (WV)  
University of Colorado at Boulder  
University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
University of Colorado Denver  
University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus  
University of Detroit Mercy  
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University of Mary-Hardin Baylor  
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Washington Adventist University  
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