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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