

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
Services, Education, and Related Agencies
House Committee on Appropriations
2358-B Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human
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House Committee on Appropriations
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Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As the Labor, Health and Human Service, Education and related agencies appropriations subcommittee develops its FY 2016 Appropriations bill, we respectfully urge you to include at least \$32.2 billion in mandatory and discretionary dollars for the Federal Pell Grant program.

Pell Grants are the cornerstone of our nation's student financial aid program, providing aid to more than 8.4 million low income American students. Pell Grants provide a pathway to college students who might have thought their dream of obtaining a higher education was unachievable. Currently, Pell Grants assist students in covering higher education costs like tuition, books, and room and board. Our failure to protect the Pell Grant program will shut out millions of low-income students from obtaining a college degree.

The subcommittee has been a strong supporter of the Federal Pell Grant program in the past. We ask you continue this support by including at least \$32.2 billion in mandatory and discretionary dollars for this critical program. These grants are often the only vehicle available to low income students to cover higher education expenses without being saddled with student loan debt. Our investment in the Pell Grant program is a strong investment in our nation's future.

Sincerely,



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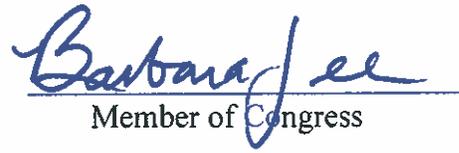
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