

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

April 22, 2013

The Honorable Jack Kingston
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS & Education
Committee on Appropriations
United States Congress
2372 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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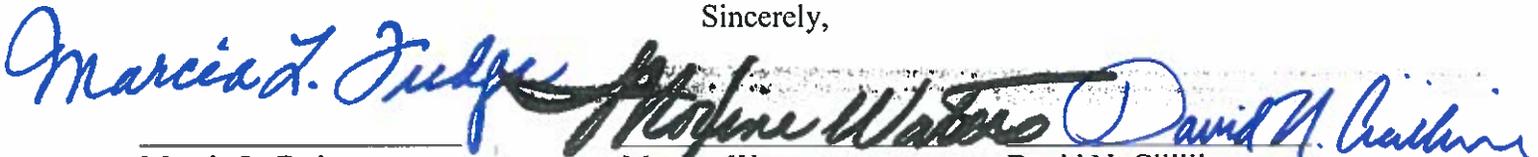
Dear Chairman Kingston and Ranking Member DeLauro:

Thank you for preserving strong funding in FY 2013 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations for the Federal Pell Grant program. As the subcommittee develops its FY 2014 Appropriations bill, we respectfully urge you to support the President's request of \$29.9 billion in mandatory and discretionary dollars for the Federal Pell Grant program.

Pell Grants are the cornerstone of our nation's student aid program. These grants are provided to more than 9.7 million low to moderate income students. Pell Grants are a pathway to college for those who might have thought a higher education was unattainable. Currently, this money helps students cover the cost of tuition, books, and living expenses. Our failure to protect the Pell Grant program may shut out millions of low to moderate income Americans from attaining a higher education.

We respectfully urge you to continue to support the President's request of \$29.9 billion in mandatory and discretionary dollars for the Federal Pell Grant program. These grants are often the only vehicle available to low to moderate income students for higher education expenses. Our investment in the Pell Grant program is a strong investment in our nation's future.

Sincerely,



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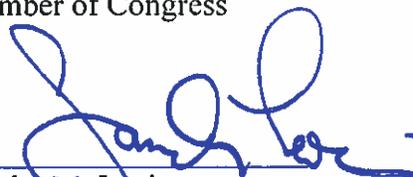
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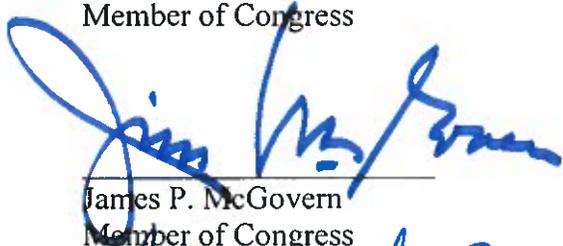
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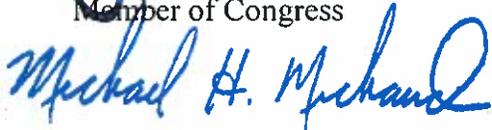
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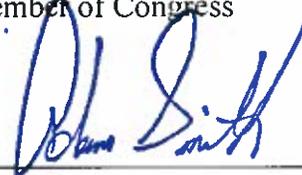
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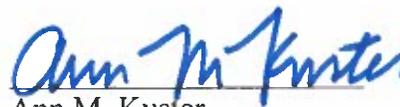
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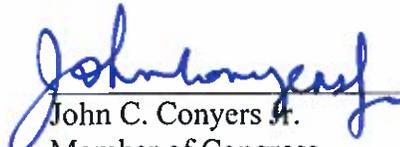
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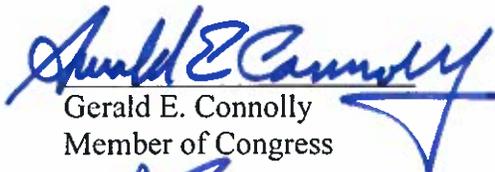
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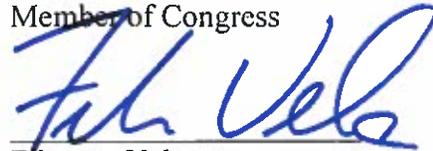

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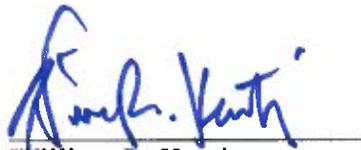

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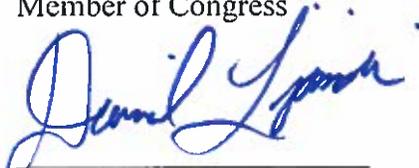

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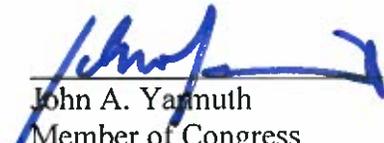

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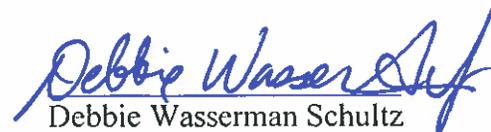

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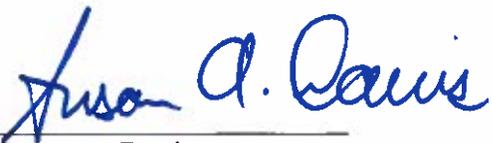

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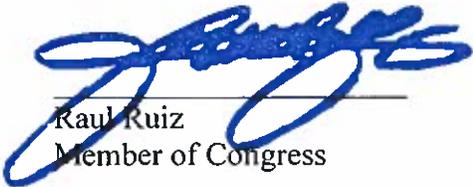

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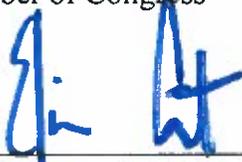
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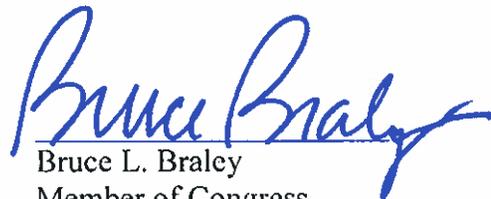
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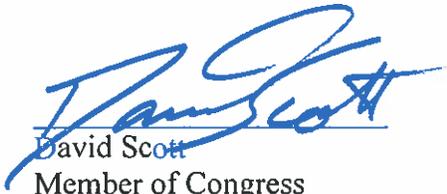
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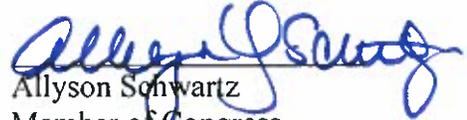
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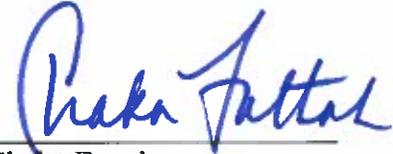
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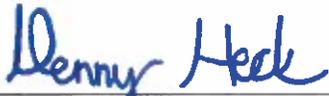
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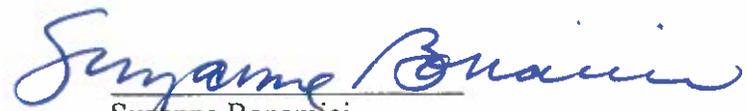
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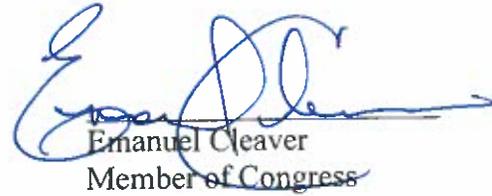
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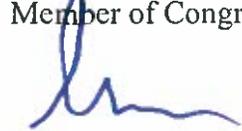
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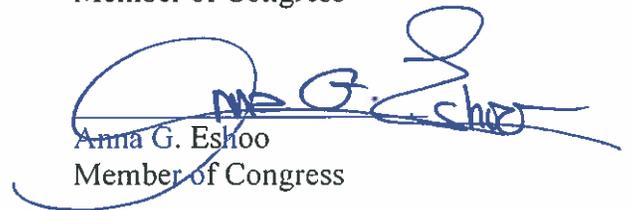
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