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Coalition Delivers 100,000 Signatures to Super Committee in Support of Federal Student Aid

Washington, D.C. (Nov. 17, 2011)—The Student Aid Alliance today delivered a [statement of support](#) for federal student aid funding signed by more than 100,000 people to members of the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction.

Among the signers were hundreds of college and university presidents, as well as thousands of students, administrators and citizens representing all types of institutions nationwide. The signature drive was launched Oct. 24, 2011.

The Student Aid Alliance, a [coalition](#) of higher education organizations, advocates continued federal support of Pell Grants and other federal student aid programs, including Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships, TRIO, GEAR UP and federal student loans.

In the Alliance's cover letter that accompanied the statement, co-chairs Molly Corbett Broad, president of the American Council on Education, and David L. Warren, president of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, said: "This remarkable public response demonstrates that student aid is an issue of deep concern to millions of students, educators and families. They know real solutions to the federal debt start with growing our economy, and our economy will only grow if we have a skilled and educated work force."

The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction (or Super Committee) is nearing its Nov. 23 deadline to identify \$1.5 trillion in cuts to the federal budget over the next decade.

The [statement](#) and website will remain open for new signatures as the Super Committee continues its deliberations. Users can also send letters directly to members of Congress from the site.

*The **Student Aid Alliance** is a coalition of organizations representing millions of students, parents, colleges and universities, and others, who believe that all qualified students should be able to go to college, regardless of their financial resources.*

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