

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 27, 2026

The Honorable Robert Aderholt
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,
Education
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services,
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Dear Chair Aderholt and Ranking Member DeLauro:

As you work to develop the Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill, we request your continued support for the Campus-Based Student Financial Aid Programs in Title IV of the Higher Education Act. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), and Federal Work-Study (FWS) programs work together with Pell Grants and Direct Student Loans to provide a manageable balance of grants, loans, and work to ensure students from all backgrounds can pursue a rewarding academic path.

SEOG provides grants to low- and middle-income students and funds programs that help at-risk students get into and stay in college. Providing low-income students with grant aid increases student retention and success, and reduces borrowing. We request that to avoid losing ground due to recent inflation, the SEOG program receive at least \$966.3 million in FY27 through the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

Similarly, FWS provides a wide variety of job opportunities on campus for students to work to cover part of their tuition. Having a part-time job on campus is a proven method of keeping low-income students engaged in their campus community while completing their degree on time, a fundamental goal of federal student aid. We ask for the FWS program to be funded at least at \$1.3 billion.

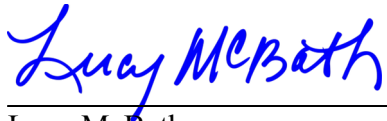
Campus-based aid programs are the original federal partnerships in higher education. They were created as an incentive for institutions to partner with the federal government to support qualified low-income students attending college. Furthermore, the programs require that schools provide a 25 percent minimum match, ensuring they have a financial incentive to promote student success. Many institutions go above and beyond the requirement, especially in grant aid. We must continue to support our institutions and the students they serve.

Thank you for considering this important request and for your continued leadership in supporting federal student aid programs that help millions of students nationwide realize higher education.

Sincerely,



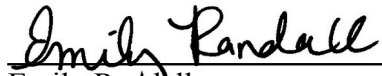
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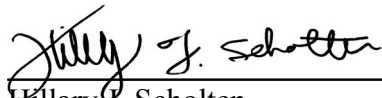
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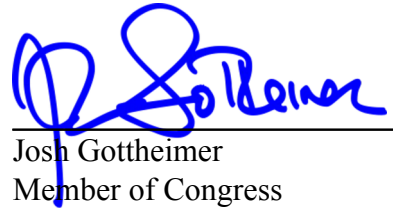
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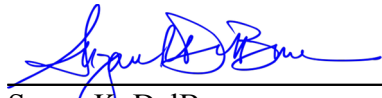
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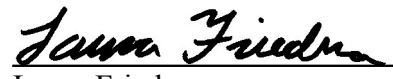
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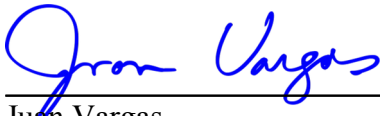
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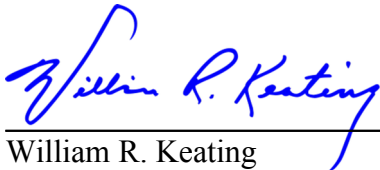
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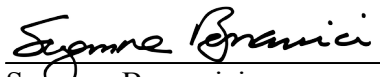
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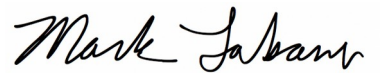
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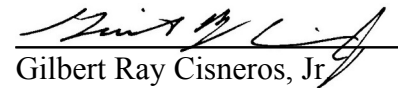
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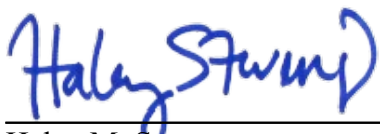
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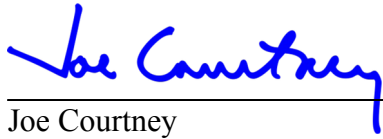
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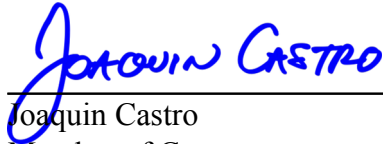
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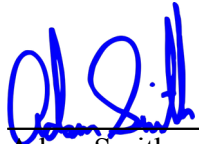
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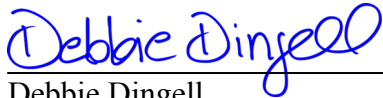
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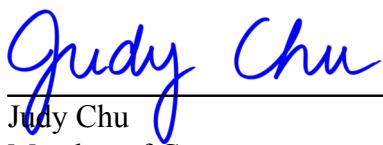
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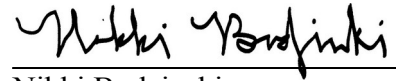
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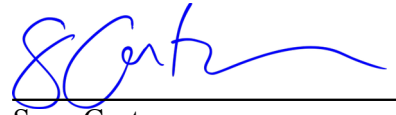
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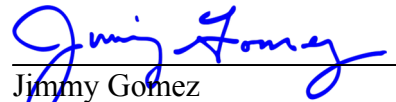
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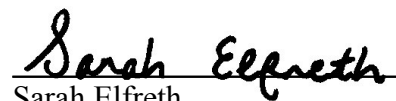
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