



United Negro College Fund, Inc.

“A mind is a terrible thing to waste.”®

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COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Allen University
Columbia, SC

Benedict College
Columbia, SC

Bennett College
Greensboro, NC

Bethune-Cookman University
Daytona Beach, FL

Clafflin University
Orangeburg, SC

Clark Atlanta University
Atlanta, GA

Dillard University
New Orleans, LA

Edward Waters College
Jacksonville, FL

Fisk University
Nashville, TN

Florida Memorial University
Miami, FL

Huston-Tillotson University
Austin, TX

Interdenominational Theological Center
Atlanta, GA

Jarvis Christian College
Hawkins, TX

Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, NC

Lane College
Jackson, TN

LeMoyne-Owen College
Memphis, TN

Livingstone College
Salisbury, NC

Miles College
Birmingham, AL

Morehouse College
Atlanta, GA

Morris College
Sumter, SC

Oakwood College
Huntsville, AL

Paine College
Augusta, GA

Paul Quinn College
Dallas, TX

Philander Smith College
Little Rock, AR

Rust College
Holly Springs, MS

Saint Augustine's College
Raleigh, NC

Saint Paul's College
Lawrenceville, VA

Shaw University
Raleigh, NC

Spelman College
Atlanta, GA

Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, AL

Talladega College
Talladega, AL

Texas College
Tyler, TX

Tougaloo College
Tougaloo, MS

Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL

Virginia Union University
Richmond, VA

Voorhees College
Denmark, SC

Wilberforce University
Wilberforce, OH

Wiley College
Marshall, TX

Xavier University
New Orleans, LA

The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
Committee on Education and Labor
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller,

I am writing on behalf of the presidents of the United Negro College Fund's (UNCF) 39 member colleges to thank you for your leadership on student aid legislation, specifically the conference report on H.R. 2669.

Of particular interest to the United Negro College Fund, the nation's largest provider of college financial assistance to minority and low-income students is Section 499A of the conference report. This provision calls for an unprecedented investment in Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) by making \$170 million available to HBCUs over two years. This funding will significantly assist HBCUs as they work to increase their capacity and prepare a new generation of students for careers in science, technology and engineering.

As you know, HBCUs have special skills in serving their communities, which include large numbers of low-income or first generation college students. This legislation recognizes the vital role HBCUs play in eliminating disparities in access to quality higher education.

The conference report on H.R. 2669 will significantly enhance the capacity of HBCUs and improve opportunities for minority students. Thank you for your unwavering support of our academic institutions.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D.
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