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Committee on Education and Labor  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
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To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to voice our support for passage of the Higher Education Act. College Summit's mission is ensuring that low-income students have the same opportunity to go to college and have fulfilling careers as all other students in our nation. We believe the legislation will help school districts prioritize college-going and receive the support and tools they need to send more students from low-income communities to college.

We applaud the work and vision of Chairman Miller, Ranking Member McKeon, and the entire Education and Labor Committee for working in a bipartisan manner to forge a bill that will meet the workforce needs of the country by strengthening the college-going pipeline in low-income communities. Research clearly indicates that increasing college access in low-income school districts require a *three-legged stool*: academic preparation, financial resources, and a college-going culture in every high school. I applaud the Committee for their efforts including language in the bill that addresses each leg of the college access stool.

When the Higher Education Act was last reauthorized in 1998, College Summit was helping 400 students successfully transition from high school to college. The organization now supports 17,000 students in 175 high schools in 13 states, helping schools raise their college enrollment rates and create the kind of college-going culture that helps all students stay on track academically and graduate college ready. With this legislation, College Summit and other programs will be able to help millions more access the American dream of a college degree.

Sincerely,



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