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The Honorable George Miller  
Chairman  
Committee on Education & Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Howard McKeon  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Education & Labor  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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The Honorable Edward Kennedy  
Chairman  
Committee on Health, Education,  
Labor, and Pensions  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Enzi  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Health, Education,  
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United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairmen Miller & Kennedy and Ranking Members McKeon and Enzi:

On behalf of the University of Phoenix and our more than 300,000 students, 20,000 faculty members, and more than 400,000 alumni we are pleased to support the Higher Education Act (HEA) conference report.

We applaud your efforts to reach this historic conference agreement to make college more affordable and accessible. This comprehensive reauthorization brings important reforms to our higher education system and improves our nation's competitiveness in the world. Furthermore, it will better serve students and families from different backgrounds and socio-economic status in all types of institutions: public, private, non-profit, and for-profit.

As one of the leading institutions that helped transform the landscape of higher education by pioneering a number of student-focused initiatives now commonly used throughout our nation's higher education system including online classes, online libraries, e-books, and computer simulations, we want to work with you and the Department of Education on the implementation of the new on-line verification standard. University of Phoenix has long had numerous checks and balances in place to verify student identity and we therefore want to ensure that this provision is implemented in a realistic, cost-effective and practical manner.

We hope that the Congress will move swiftly to adopt the HEA conference report and applaud your efforts on this legislation so vital to students and parents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Pepicello".

William Pepicello, Ph.D.  
President