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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-128, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Vice Chairman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
S-146A, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: FY 2022 Appropriations for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs)

Dear Chairman Leahy, Chairwoman DeLauro, Vice Chairman Shelby, and Ranking Member Granger:

On behalf of the undersigned universities and colleges representing the full spectrum of U.S. higher education institutions, we write to request your support for critical programs needed for Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and their students.

The number of HSIs continues to grow, increasing from 311 in 2010 to 569 in 2019. As a group, HSIs play a critical role in educating a diverse pool of students. They enroll two-thirds of the estimated 3.8 million Hispanic college students in American higher education, many of whom are first-generation college students and come from low-income families. Additionally, while HSIs account for 16% of all colleges and universities, they enroll 33% of Pell recipients in the United States.

HSIs educate and train the most diverse and underserved communities and do so with fewer federal resources per student than their peer institutions. As the nation looks to rebuild the economy after the COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that existing federal investments strengthen our workforce by enhancing the educational infrastructure of HSIs to pave a path of success and opportunity for our Hispanic students in the Fiscal Year 2022 appropriations process.

We have identified the following funding levels in federal programs to reach these goals. These requests are based on existing needs of HSIs while preparing the students that they serve for the 21st Century workforce.

Developing Institutions, Workforce Training Program, and Other Programs

The programs below provide critical support for HSIs and workforce training programs.

For these programs, we request:

- **Developing Hispanic-Serving institutions (Title V, Part A):** A total of \$250 million, an increase of \$101.3 million from FY 2021, which is \$13.3 million above the President's FY 2022 budget request.
- **Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (Title V, Part B):** A total of \$50 million, an increase of \$36.2 million from FY 2021, which is \$21.2 million above the President's FY 2022 budget request.

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- **Enhancing Teacher Education, Honorable Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence (Title II, Part B, Subpart 2):** A total of \$40 million, to provide new funding for this program, which is \$20 million above the President's FY 2022 budget request.
- **Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success (Title VIII, Part T):** A total of \$5 million for competitive grants program to create Centers of Excellence for Veteran Student Success at HSIs.

Student Aid

Pell Grants: The Pell Grant has not kept up with the rising cost of college. Congress needs to make necessary investments to restore the purchasing power of Pell Grants. The Pell Grant maximum award should be doubled and allowed to cover the full cost of college, including books and rent.

- **TRIO Programs:** A total of \$1.3 billion, an increase of \$67 million from FY 2021.
- **GEAR UP:** A total of \$435 million, an increase of \$67 million from FY 2021, which is \$27 million above the President's FY 2022 budget request.
- **HEP-CAMP:** A total of \$66.1 million, an increase of \$8.9 million from FY 2021.

Research and Other Programs

Federal support for research and development in HSIs is an essential component to ensure that students who attend HSIs are prepared for the 21st Century workforce. We urge your committees to continue the investments made in FY 2021 and provide the following appropriations to support important research across in FY 2022:

Agriculture

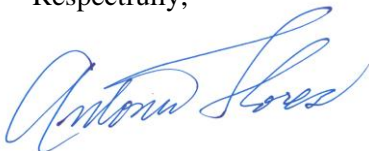
- **National Institute of Food and Agriculture HSIs Education Grants Program:** A total of \$40 million, an increase of \$27.5 million above FY 2021.
- **Hispanic-Serving Agriculture Colleges and Universities Endowment Fund:** A total of \$80 million, which would provide first time funding for the program.

Commerce, Justice, Science

- **Improving Undergraduate STEM Education: Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI Program):** A total of \$56.50 million, an increase of \$10 million from FY 2021.

As you consider programmatic funding levels for FY 2022 appropriations, we urge you to increase the funding to the growing number of HSIs to effectively support the 5.24 million undergraduate and graduate students they serve and support.

Respectfully,



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President and CEO
Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

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cc: The Honorable Raul Ruiz, Chair, Congressional Hispanic Caucus
The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr., Chair, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development,
Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Matt Cartwright, Chair, Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and Justice, House
Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Tammy Baldwin, Chair, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food
and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jeanne Shaheen, Chair, Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and Justice, Senate
Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Patty Murray, Chair, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, Senate
Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jeff Fortenberry, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural
Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, House
Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Robert Aderholt, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and
Justice, House Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Tom Cole, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, House
Appropriations Committee
The Honorable John Hoeven, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug
Administration, and Related Agencies, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Jerry Moran, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, and
Justice, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Roy Blunt, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, Senate
Appropriations Committee

On behalf of:

ARIZONA

Arizona State University
GateWay Community College
Mesa Community College
Northern Arizona University
South Mountain Community College

CALIFORNIA

Cal Poly Pomona
California State University, Chico
California State University, Dominguez Hills
California State University, East Bay
California State University, Fresno
California State University, Fullerton
California State University, Long Beach
California State University, Los Angeles
California State University, Northridge
California State University, San Bernardino
California State University, Stanislaus
Cerro Coso Community College
Chaffey College
Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Health
Clovis Community College
College of the Sequoias

Cuyamaca College
Cypress College
Fullerton College
Hartnell College
Humboldt State University
Kern Community College District
Long Beach Community College District
Los Angeles Mission College
Mission College
Mt. San Antonio College
Napa Valley College
National University
Oxnard College
Porterville College
Rio Hondo College
Riverside City College
Sacramento State
San Bernardino Community College District
San Diego State University
San Jose City College
San Luis Obispo County Community College District Cuesta College
Sonoma State University
Southwestern Community College District
The California State University System
University of California System
University of California, Davis
University of California, Irvine
University of California, Merced
University of California, Riverside
University of California, San Diego
University of California, Santa Barbara
University of California, Santa Cruz
University of La Verne
West Hills Community College District

COLORADO

Adams State University
Colorado State University Pueblo
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Morgan Community College

FLORIDA

Florida Atlantic University
Keiser University
Nova Southeastern University
Polk State College

ILLINOIS

Joliet Junior College
Morton College
Northeastern Illinois University
Saint Xavier University

St. Augustine College
University of Illinois Chicago
Waubonsee Community College

NEW JERSEY

Bergen Community College
Bloomfield College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Hudson County Community College
New Jersey City University
Pillar College
Rutgers University-Newark
William Paterson University

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Highlands University
New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Northern New Mexico College
Santa Fe Community College
University of New Mexico
University of New Mexico – Los Alamos
University of New Mexico – Taos
University of the Southwest
Western New Mexico University

NEVADA

College of Southern Nevada
Truckee Meadows Community College
University of Nevada Las Vegas

NEW YORK

Boricua College
City University of New York (CUNY)
College of Mount Saint Vincent
Dominican College
Guttman Community College, CUNY
Herbert H. Lehman College
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York
LaGuardia Community College
NYC College of Technology
Queens College, CUNY
St. Francis College
The Borough of Manhattan Community College--CUNY
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology

OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Panhandle State University

OREGON

Chemeketa Community College
Warner Pacific University

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Inter American University of Puerto Rico, San Germán Campus

Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island College

TEXAS

Concordia University Texas

Hallmark University

Northwest Vista College

Our Lady of the Lake University

San Antonio College

South Texas College

Southwest Texas Junior College

Southwestern Adventist University

St. Edward's University

Texas A&M International University

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Texas Lutheran University

Texas State University

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

University of Houston

University of North Texas at Dallas

University of Texas at San Antonio

University of the Incarnate Word

Western Texas College

VIRGINIA

Marymount University

WASHINGTON

Columbia Gorge Community College

WISCONSIN

Alverno College