



November 15, 2007

United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

**Re: Vote to Override the Veto of H.R. 3043**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Student Aid Alliance, and its 68 member organizations representing the full spectrum of postsecondary students and institutions, we urge you to vote to override the president's veto of H.R. 3043, the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill. H.R. 3043 is a fiscally responsible bill with broad bipartisan support in both the House of Representatives and the Senate and provides needed funding to America's students and families.

Failure to enact H.R. 3043 will have a serious impact on the ability of students to afford a college education. HR 3043 increases the Pell Grant, the primary source of federal funding to low-income college students, by \$325 above the president's request. This bill also funds proven student aid programs such as the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships (LEAP) and Federal Perkins Loans which the president would eliminate. These programs receive matching funds from institutions or the states, making their elimination even more costly to America's families.

The nation's economy depends on a well-educated workforce, yet the president's request would cut funding for education programs from their 2007 levels. We ask that you send a message to the president and the American people that the federal government remains committed to ensuring that students will be able to earn their college degrees. Vote yes on overriding the veto and enact H.R. 3043.

Sincerely,

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David Ward  
Co-Chairman

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