



November 8, 2007

United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Vote Yes on H.R. 3043

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the Student Aid Alliance, and our 68 member organizations representing the full spectrum of postsecondary students and institutions, we are writing to express our strong support for H.R. 3043, the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education and Related Agencies appropriations bill.

This bill is important to America's families and students. H.R. 3043 increases the Pell Grant maximum award by \$325 above the President's request and restores funding to programs such as Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnerships (LEAP) and Federal Perkins Loans that the President's budget would eliminate. These programs, which are vital to ensuring access for low-income students, receive matching funds from institutions or the states, making their elimination even more costly to America's families.

We understand this is a difficult fiscal climate, but America's economic well-being depends on a skilled workforce. The funding made available in this bill will help ensure that America's college students have access to a quality education preparing them for the challenges of the global marketplace. On behalf of thousands of postsecondary institutions and millions of American college students, we ask that you vote for H.R. 3043.

Sincerely,

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David Ward
Co-Chairman

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Co-Chairman

