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**Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:**

I write on behalf of the membership of the National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP). Our organization represents the state agencies that administer the state grant programs for college students across our country, including those funded by the Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership program ("LEAP") authorized by the Higher Education Act, as amended (HEA).

We would like to congratulate you on the completion of the conference on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act. NASSGAP appreciates the work that you and your staff have done in bringing this lengthy process to a close.

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In particular, NASSGAP would like to thank your staff for their willingness to listen to NASSGAP members on the Grants for Access and Persistence (GAP) portion of the bill. While there are still implementation issues to address, we appreciated the opportunity to have meaningful dialogue about the portions of the bill that will have a significant impact on the state grant programs and the students and families that we serve.

We look forward to the continued dialog that will ensue, as we move forward to implement the bill and provide the best postsecondary education opportunities possible.

Sincerely,

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