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The Honorable Senator Patty Murray
154 Russell Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Murray,

The National Association of State Student Grant and Aid Programs (NASSGAP) represents agencies in the fifty States that operate major federal and state student aid programs, including the Washington Student Achievement Council. Our members make awards to over 4 million students including nearly \$10 billion in student grant aid. Over three-quarters of the state-sponsored student grants were need-based.

You play a critical role in shaping policies related to college affordability and federal-state partnerships; NASSGAP greatly appreciates your efforts. We would like to invite you as a keynote speaker at our conference in Washington DC in late October. There are many challenges facing the federal and state governments as they work to provide accessible and affordable postsecondary education to improve lives of citizens and our workforce. We value your role as Ranking Member on the Senate HELP Committee and would appreciate your insights on how NASSGAP and its members can support your efforts.

The conference will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn October 21 through 24. We would appreciate your speaking to the group, perhaps at breakfast or lunch on Thursday the 22nd, but can be flexible on the time to accommodate your schedule. Frank Ballmann, our federal liaison, can work with Bryce McKibben or others on your staff to arrange and confirm the details. He can be reached at 202-721-1186 or frank@nassgap.org.

Thank you again for your service and commitment to America's students.

Sincerely,

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