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The Honorable Senator Jack Reed
728 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Reed,

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 Division of Higher Education Assistance within the Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner, formerly known as the Rhode Island Higher Education Assistance Authority. 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 believe your Partnerships for Affordability and Student Success Act and other legislative proposals are a major step in the right direction 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 at lunch on Thursday the 22nd, but can be flexible on the time to accommodate your schedule. Frank Ballmann, our federal liaison, can work with Moira Lenahan 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,

Diane Lindeman
NASSGAP President

