



May 14, 2015

The Honorable John Kline, Chairman
Education & the Workforce Committee
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert C. Scott, Ranking Member
Education & the Workforce Committee
2101 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chairwoman
Subcommittee on Higher Education and
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2257 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rubén Hinojosa, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Higher Education and
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2262 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline, Ranking Member Scott, Chairwoman Foxx, and Ranking Member Hinojosa:

The Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), with a collective membership of nearly all four-year public institutions of higher education, write to provide constructive comments on H.R. 1310, the Campus Accountability and Safety Act (CASA).

We appreciate the strong interest in improving safety and enhancing support services at our nation's colleges and universities. Additionally, public institutions recognize their special obligation to be transparent and accountable to the public and government. We submit this accompanying analysis of CASA as a follow-up to our previous letters sent last fall. AASCU and APLU appreciate the reintroduction of this bill and that the sponsors have given consideration to our previous recommendations by making improvements to the legislation.

We hope this analysis will prove useful as you consider how the legislation could be further improved to most effectively combat campus sexual assault.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us directly or have your staff contact Craig Lindwarm at clindwarm@aplu.org or Makeese Motley at motleym@aascu.org.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the Education & the Workforce Committee