

April 29, 2014

The Honorable Tim Bishop
United States House of Representatives
306 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bishop,

We write on behalf of our members, representing the full spectrum of American higher education, in support of the Protecting Students From Automatic Default Act of 2014.

This bill would curb abuses in the private student lending market, and is urgently needed. As highlighted by the Consumer Financial Protection Board last week, the practice of demanding immediate, full repayment of a student loan upon the passing or bankruptcy of a cosigner, regardless of the previous status of the loan, poses a significant undue burden to borrowers.

By providing the common-sense remedy of allowing a borrower to secure a new cosigner, your legislation will guarantee the rights of borrowers and prevent avoidable defaults while simultaneously protecting the interests of private lenders.

We thank you for introducing this legislation, and we offer you our strong support in seeing that it is enacted.

Sincerely,



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On behalf of:

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Council on Education
Association of American Universities
Association of Community College Trustees
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Council for Christian Colleges & Universities
Council for Higher Education Accreditation
Council for Opportunity in Education
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators