

August 11, 2014

Senator Tom Harkin
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
and Human Services, Education,
and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
731 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Dick Durbin
Subcommittee on Labor, Health
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711 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Harkin and Senator Durbin,

On behalf of the undersigned associations, we write to thank you for your support of international education, as demonstrated by the Fiscal Year 2015 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies appropriations bill passed by the subcommittee.

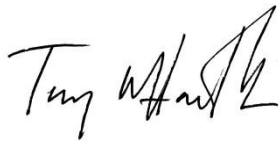
We are particularly grateful for the inclusion of \$5 million in new funding specifically for study abroad consistent with the recommendations of the Commission of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program, long championed by Senator Durbin. This funding will allow for the creation of a competitive study abroad grants program for colleges and universities. This program would leverage institutional reforms and provide a powerful incentive for institutions to significantly expand study abroad participation, increase the diversity of participants, and send more students to nontraditional destinations.

We are also pleased with the \$4 million increase for the traditional Title VI programs in your bill. These programs are the federal government's most comprehensive programs for developing national capacity in international and foreign language education, and strong funding will help to educate the individuals whose abilities ensure successful international engagement among America's education, government, and business sectors. With this increased funding, the committee has made a strong commitment to increasing our knowledge of, and engagement with, the world beyond our borders.

We thank you for your continued support for international education, and look forward to working with you to see these funding levels enacted.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry W. Hartle". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "T" and a stylized "H".

Terry W. Hartle
Senior Vice President

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On behalf of:

American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
American Council on Education
Association of American Universities
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
NAFSA: Association of International Educators
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities