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The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Vice Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Collins, Vice Chair Murray, Chair Cole, and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We, the undersigned Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), emerging HSIs, and education partners, are deeply alarmed by the Administration's decision to abandon its defense of the HSI program in federal court, and abruptly announcing the defunding of all Minority-Serving Institution (MSI) programs. This unprecedented step threatens to dismantle a program Congress created to strengthen institutions that already serve high percentages of Latino students. The lawsuit, *State of Tennessee & Students for Fair Admissions v. U.S. Department of Education*, wrongly claims that the HSI program is unconstitutional. **In reality, it falls well within the authority of Congress to recognize and remedy racial disparities in education.**

Eliminating the HSI program would disproportionately harm Latino communities, but the damage would not stop there. These federal funds support a wide range of initiatives, including campus infrastructure projects, science labs, advising and curriculum development, that benefit all students attending HSIs. Stripping institutions of resources because they serve Latino students is unjust and legally unsound. The HSI program is not about preferential treatment; it is about equitable resource allocation to ensure all students have the opportunity to succeed. Without it, our ability to prepare the next generation of leaders, innovators, and workers will be severely undermined.

**We urge you to:**

- **Publicly sound the alarm about the Administration's refusal to defend the HSI program.**
- **Reaffirm congressional support for HSIs and the 5.6 million students served nationwide.**
- **Ensure continued protection and funding for the HSI program in the face of these attacks.**

Congress must act now. Without your leadership, the voices of students and communities served by HSIs will go unheard.

Respectfully,

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

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Austin Community College District  
Barstow Community College  
Bergen Community College  
Berkeley City College  
Borough of Manhattan Community College / CUNY  
Bronx Community College CUNY  
Bunker Hill Community College  
Cabrillo College  
Cal Poly Humboldt  
Cal Poly Pomona University  
California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office  
California State University, San Marcos  
California State University, Los Angeles  
California State University, Bakersfield  
California State University, Channel Islands  
California State University, Chico  
California State University, Dominguez Hill  
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California State University, Fresno  
California State University, Fullerton  
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California State University, Northridge  
California State University, San Bernardino  
California State University, Stanislaus  
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Chabot-Las Positas Community College District  
Changing Perspectives  
Citrus College  
City University of New York (CUNY)  
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College of Marin  
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Columbia Gorge Community College  
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Donnelly College  
EDP University of Puerto Rico  
Elgin Community College  
Fair360  
Fairleigh Dickinson University  
Farmingdale State College, SUNY  
Felician University  
Foothill College  
Foothill-De Anza Community College District  
Gateway Technical College  
Gavilan College  
Golden West College  
Goshen College  
Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District  
Hallmark University  
Harold Washington College  
Harry S Truman College  
Heritage University  
Holyoke Community College  
Hostos Community College, The City University of New York  
Hudson County Community College  
Hunter College, CUNY  
Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education  
Imperial Valley College  
Inter American University, Fajardo Campus  
John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York  
Joliet Junior College  
Kern Community College District  
Kingsborough Community College  
LA Mission College  
La Sierra University  
Lake Tahoe Community College District  
Laredo College  
Las Positas College  
Lee College  
Lewis University  
Loma Linda University  
Long Beach City College

Los Medanos College  
Loyola Marymount University  
Malcolm X College  
Marymount University  
Menlo College  
MiraCosta College  
Mohave College  
Montclair State University  
Mount Mary University  
Mount Saint Mary's University  
Mt. San Antonio College  
Mt. San Jacinto College  
Napa Valley College  
New Jersey City University  
New Mexico Independent Community Colleges  
Newman University  
Norco College  
North Orange County Community College District  
North Shore Community College  
Northeastern Illinois University  
Northern Essex Community College  
Orange Coast College  
Our Lady of the Lake University  
Palo Verde Community College District  
Pasadena City College  
Peralta Community College District  
Prairie State College  
Pueblo Community College  
Queensborough Community College, CUNY  
Raritan Valley Community College  
Redwoods Community College District  
Riverside City College  
Riverside Community College District  
Sacramento State  
Saint Peter's University  
Salem State University  
San Bernardino Community College District  
San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools  
San Bernardino Valley College  
San Diego Community College District (includes San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa College, San Diego Miramar College)  
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San Francisco State University  
San Jacinto College  
San Jose - Evergreen Community College District  
San José State University  
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State Center Community College District  
Student Senate for California Community Colleges  
Taft College  
The California State University  
Tillamook Bay Community College  
Universidad Politécnica de Puerto Rico  
University of California, Davis  
University of California, Merced  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, Riverside  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
University of Mount Saint Vincent  
University of Redlands  
University of the Southwest  
Urban College of Boston  
Vaughn College of Aeronautics and Technology  
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Wayland Baptist University  
Western Connecticut State University  
Western Oregon University  
Wilbur Wright College  
William Rainey Harper College  
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