

September 16, 2025

The Honorable Susan Collins  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair  
House Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Patty Murray  
Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Appropriations  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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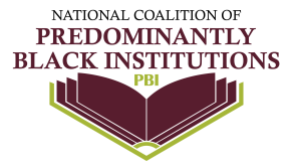
Dear Chairwoman Collins, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member Murray and Ranking Member DeLauro:

We, the undersigned organizations representing Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), and Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), write to express our strong opposition to the Administration's decision to rescind critical federal resources from Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs).

For decades, MSIs including HSIs, PBIs, and AANAPISIs have opened the doors of higher education to millions of low-income, first-generation, and historically underserved students. Our institutions are engines of access, equity, and are drivers of national economic growth, community development, and innovation.

The Administration's action to rescind resources threatens to undermine the progress that Congress intended when it established MSI programs with bipartisan support. For example:

1. AANAPISIs enroll over 40 percent of all Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander undergraduates, yet remain among the most underfunded MSIs. Despite proven success in increasing retention and completion, federal recognition and grant access remain incomplete.
2. HSIs enroll over two-thirds of Latino undergraduates nationwide and serve more than 5.6 million students of all backgrounds. Federal funding under Title V has enabled HSIs to



expand advising, research capacity, and workforce pathways that benefits all their students.

3. PBIs serve approximately 300,000 students, many of whom are African American, low-income, or first-generation. These institutions have faced decades of underfunding despite serving populations most affected by inequities in college access, affordability, and attainment.

We urge Congress to act swiftly to:

1. Reject this harmful decision and protect MSI programs through legislative action.
2. Ensure that statutory funding streams for all MSIs, including HSIs, PBIs, and AANAPISIs, are fully implemented and safeguarded.
3. Expand, not reduce, federal support for institutions that serve our nation's fastest-growing student populations.

Our institutions are committed to expanding opportunity, reducing inequities, and strengthening our economy. We will continue to advocate for equity in higher education and for the federal resources that ensure all students can succeed, regardless of race, income, or background.

For questions or to follow-up, please contact us at [dcgr@hacu.net](mailto:dcgr@hacu.net).

Respectfully,

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

Asian Pacific Americans in Higher Education

National Coalition of Predominantly Black Institutions