

March 26, 2018

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Roy Blunt
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Labor, Health and Human
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The Honorable Patty Murray
Ranking Member
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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Labor, Health and Human
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
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Dear Chair and Ranking Members,

As organizations committed to promoting the postsecondary success of college students with children, we are writing to express our thanks for providing the largest ever increase in funding for the Child Care Access Means Parents in Schools (CCAMPIS) program in the Fiscal Year 2018 omnibus funding bill.

Nearly 5 million college students are parents of dependent children, representing slightly more than one-quarter of all undergraduate students in the United States—and their numbers are increasing. Many of these student parents are balancing college and parenting without the support of a spouse or partner, with 2.1 million women in college being single mothers.

The CCAMPIS program is the only federal program dedicated solely to providing child care assistance for students in postsecondary settings. It helps meet the high demand for low-cost child care, enabling student parents to persist in and complete postsecondary credentials, which are critical to their families' economic well-being and are associated with a range of important multigenerational benefits.

We look forward to continuing to work with your offices to preserve and increase support for the CCAMPIS program for months and years to come.

Sincerely,

American Association of University Women (AAUW)
American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
Association of Community College Trustees
Colorado Center on Law and Policy

Equal Justice Works
Georgia Budget and Policy Institute
Los Angeles Valley College
National Partnership for Women & Families
Program, Evaluation, and Research Group (PERG) at Endicott College
Santa Monica College
Services for Students with Children at Portland State University
Skills2Compete - Colorado
Student Parent HELP (Higher Ed for Low Income People) Center, University of Minnesota
Student Parents At Manoa (SPAM), University of Hawaii
Student Veterans of America
The Bell Policy Center
Women Employed
Young Invincibles