Message in Brief: We appreciate all that the Appropriations Committee has done to fund the student aid programs, and hope we can count on your continued support. Thank you for restoring sequestration cuts to student aid. We understand that there are ongoing federal fiscal pressures, but believe federal student aid is an essential economic investment in the future of our nation, congressional district and local community.

- **Thank You:** We want to thank you for ensuring that hard-working students without the means to pay for college will still have the opportunity to attend and graduate. As a college president, I have the privilege of seeing how the federal student aid programs change lives every day. *(Share a personal story of an instance in which federal student aid made a difference.)*

- **Federal Budget:** We understand the challenges facing you in this tight budget environment. However, we hope you will support maintaining funding for student aid (grants, work study, loans, and student support programs) in the FY 2015 appropriations bills you will be writing this year.

- **Pell Grants:** We appreciate that Pell Grants were protected from sequestration, and that funding was restored to the other student aid programs in FY 2014. The increase in Pell to $5,730 – along with funding for SEOG, Federal Work Study, TRIO, and GEAR UP – helps low-income students get into college, stay in, and complete their higher education.

- **Partnership:** We consider our college to be a partner with the federal government in the student aid effort. Just as the federal government has kept its commitment to assisting low-income students during the recent economic downturn, our institution has also redoubled its efforts to help needy students by *(fill in with your own institution’s student aid efforts)*.

- **NAICU Data Sheets:** Federal student aid programs provide a direct economic benefit to our communities and state. *(Refer to the NAICU student aid sheets for your congressional district and state.)* Making it possible for more students to attend college brings multiple benefits. We ensure our nation’s economic stability by creating an educated, skilled workforce. At the local level, our students directly support local businesses, plus our college is a major local employer and purchaser of goods and services.

- **Campus-based Aid:** We strongly support the campus-based aid programs *(emphasize those of importance to you)*, in which federal student aid dollars are matched by our own institutional dollars. SEOG provides up to an additional $4,000 in grant aid for our neediest Pell students. Federal Work Study helps students earn their way, while engaging in campus work. Perkins Loans keep our students from having to take out more expensive private-label loans.

- **Federal Student Aid and Tuition:** I am concerned about the misperception that federal support for low-income students is a driver of colleges’ tuition increases. Without federal student aid, we would have to allocate even more of our tuition funds to provide institutional aid to needy students. It makes no logical sense that student aid drives up tuition.
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