

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleague:

We cordially invite you to show your support for our nation's independent colleges and universities by joining the newly formed Congressional Independent Colleges Caucus.

Independent colleges and universities across the United States provide great benefit to the students they serve and the communities in which they reside. A large part of that benefit comes from the diversity found within the private, nonprofit postsecondary education sector. Historically black colleges, faith-based universities, women's colleges, and traditional liberal arts and sciences institutions are just a handful of the distinct institutions that comprise the private nonprofit sector. It is important that we recognize the value in this diversity and celebrate it, not letting it be taken for granted and lost for lack of attention.

Therefore, we have launched this caucus to provide an opportunity for Members of Congress to both celebrate and advance this American diversity, learning about the challenges and issues that these institutions face. This caucus will serve as an informal group of Members dedicated to issues related to private, nonprofit colleges and the students they serve, celebrating the diversity found within our nation's higher education system, and educating other Members on the issues facing independent colleges.

We hope you will join us in our effort to preserve the quality and value of diversity and innovation in our nation's higher education institutions. For more information or to join the Congressional Independent Colleges Caucus, please contact Lindsay Black (lindsay.black@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Goodlatte's office or Samuel Rodarte (samuel.rodarte@mail.house.gov) in Rep. Capuano's office.

Sincerely,



Bob Goodlatte
Member of Congress



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