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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader McCarthy, Chairwoman Lowey, Chair DeLauro, Chairman Scott, Ranking Member Granger, Ranking Member Cole, and Ranking Member Foxx:

On behalf of the Congressional Tri-Caucus – composed of the Congressional Black (CBC) Caucus, Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC), and Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), we write to encourage you to work together to ensure vital mandatory funding is continued for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs), Predominantly Black Institutions (PBIs), Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institutions (AANAPISIs), and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs) in an extenders package with the next continuing resolution (CR).


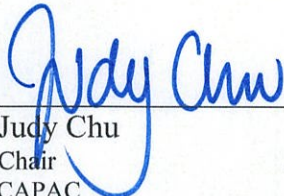
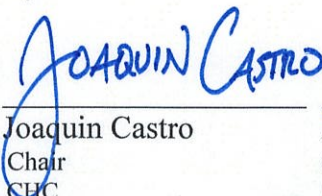
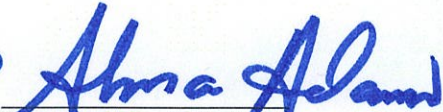
Under Title III, Part F of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA), this funding is used to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and other uses at these institutions but recently expired on September 30, 2019. An extension of this funding was included in H.R. 2486, the *Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education* (FUTURE) Act, which passed the House by voice vote on September 17th, and would have extended mandatory funding through FY 2021.

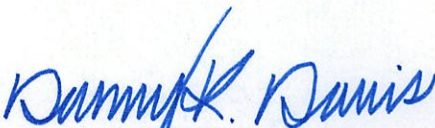


HBCUs, TCUs, HSI, PBIs, AANAPISIs and the remaining MSIs will lose access to mandatory funding beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020, and it has been reported that some HBCUs are already beginning to notify their employees that their positions will be terminated in preparation for the loss of funding after FY 2019.¹ According to a recent report, there are more than “20 million young people of color in the United States whose representations in STEM education pathways and in the STEM workforce [fall] . . . far below their proportions of the general population.”² Also, it was emphasized in this report that “the educational outcomes and STEM readiness of students of color will have direct implications on America’s economic growth, national security, and global prosperity.”³

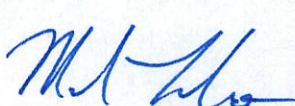
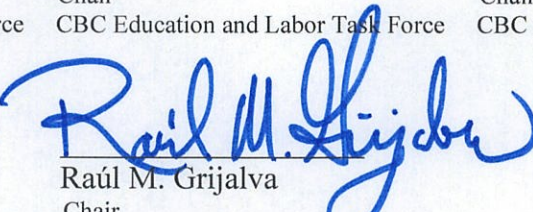
It is imperative that we find an immediate way to reinstate mandatory funding for our HBCUs, TCUs, HSI, PBIs, AANAPISIs and remaining MSIs to prevent termination of key STEM programs, and others, at these institutions of higher education. The CR provides an opportunity to save these institutions, and we cannot stress enough how important it is that an extension of this funding be included in an extenders package.

We thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Exodie Roe at Exodie.roeIII@mail.house.gov or John Christie at john.christie@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ Kreighbaum, A. (2019, October 15). HBCUs plan cuts after congress misses funding deadline. *Insidehighered*. Retrieved from <http://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2019/10/15/hbcus-plan-cuts-after-congress-misses-funding-deadline>

² Espinosa, L.L., McGuire, K., & Jackson, L.M. (2019). *Minority serving institutions: America’s underutilized resource for strengthening the STEM workforce*. Retrieved from The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Website: <https://www.nap.edu/download/25257>

³ Ibid.