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The Honorable Charles Schumer Majority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Speaker United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510 The Honorable Mitch McConnell Minority Leader United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy Minority Leader United States House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20510

We, the undersigned organizations, celebrate the inclusion of the bipartisan, bicameral College Transparency Act (H.R. 2030, S. 839) as an amendment to the America COMPETES Act (H.R. 4521), which passed the House of Representatives today. We thank U.S. Representatives Andy Levin (D-MI), Anthony Gonzalez (R-OH), Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL) and Bryan Steil (R-WI) for sponsoring the amendment and their leadership on this important policy.

The bill was introduced on a bicameral basis by Representatives Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Mikie Sherrill (D-NJ), Bryan Steil (R-WI), and Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) and Senators Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Tim Scott (R-SC), and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI). The bill is currently cosponsored by 70 House members and 34 Senate members and enjoys broad bipartisan support. The bill has also been endorsed by nearly 150 organizations, representing students, higher education institutions, business, workforce and community development groups, veterans, and civil rights advocates.

CTA will improve information on higher education outcomes to empower students and families to make important postsecondary decisions; create a strong evidence-base for policymaking; and strengthen institutions' efforts to increase college completion. The bill creates a secure, privacy-protected system that will maximize the impact of the investments made in higher education in support of our nation's students. Its implementation would ensure America's students have accurate information on college access, affordability, and completion, and it would enable them to make more informed choices about their education and career pathways.

We strongly urge policymakers to ensure this important measure is enacted as part of the final America COMPETES Act.

AccessLex Institute

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Achieve Atlanta

Alloy Engineering Co. Inc.

American Educational Research Association

American GI Forum

Association for Career and Technical Education

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities

**Campaign to Protect Student Veterans** 

Cerebly, Inc.

College Now Greater Cleveland

Complete College America

Data Quality Campaign

Institute for Higher Education Policy

Jobs for the Future (JFF)

MCEC - Military Child Education Coalition

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA)

National College Attainment Network

**National Military Family Association** 

**National Skills Coalition** 

New America

Nexus Research and Policy center

NY Association of Training and Employment Professionals

**Postsecondary Analytics** 

Scholarship America

Software & Information Industry Association

South Asian Fund For Education Scholarship and Training Inc (SAFEST)

Student Veterans of America

Swords to Plowshares

The Education Trust

The Institute for College Access & Success (TICAS)

Third Way

**Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors** 

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

**Veterans Education Success** 

Veterans for Common Sense

Wounded Paw Project

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