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Good Afternoon,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we urge support for the College Transparency Act (S. 839) related Motion to Instruct (MTI) offered by Senators Cassidy and Warren. The MTI would direct Senate conferees in reconciling differences between the House-passed COMPETES Act and the Senate-passed USICA, to insist on inclusion of the House's provisions including the College Transparency Act (CTA).

CTA enjoys broad bipartisan support with 34 Senate cosponsors, nearly evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats. The bill has also been endorsed by nearly 150 organizations, representing students, higher education institutions, business, workforce, 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 and close achievement gaps. 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. It 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 the Senate's support for the MTI offered by Senators Cassidy and Warren.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Best,

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