

[To members of the House Education and Workforce Committee, Speaker of the House & the Minority Leader]

The Honorable \_\_\_\_\_  
[Address Here]

Date

Dear Representative \_\_\_\_\_,

As you know, the higher education community is redefined by the proposed higher education reauthorization bill - PROSPER Act, introduced by the House Education and Workforce Committee. We, the undersigned organizations below, are writing to share our views and concerns with you about this proposed bill, and to call for your support in opposing the provisions that impact members of the higher education community.

The House PROSPER Act includes many provisions that not only adversely impact universities, but graduate students specifically. These provisions are:

- The removal of Stafford loans and Parent PLUS loans, limiting funding sources for undergraduate students.
- The removal of the GRAD PLUS Loan and Federal Work study, effectively minimizing funding options for graduate students, in particular those pursuing masters and professional degrees.
- The removal of the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program, limiting the number of public servants able to serve in low socio economic and rural areas. Eliminating this program affects educators, doctors and other medical professionals, counselors, therapists, social workers, and more.
- Provisions that negatively affect the Clery Act, support services for students, and campus safety.

We call upon you to reconsider your position on these provisions of the bill. Ultimately, we ask for your support for the continued improvement of the American higher education system. These provisions will not only affect students currently pursuing graduate education, but also undergraduates, faculty and universities. These provisions will also hurt the United States' leadership in research and innovation, ultimately hurting the country's economic growth. We ask you to publicly oppose these provisions of the bill that will negatively impact the entire higher education community, and vote to amend these provisions on the floor of the House.

Sincerely,