



October 30, 2013

The Honorable Elijah Cummings
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. Cummings:

On behalf of AACCC and the nation's community colleges, I am happy to endorse the FAFSA Fairness Act of 2013. Thank you for your leadership on this issue.

A central tenet of the community college mission is to break down any barriers that students face when accessing higher education. Your legislation would do that for students that face unique personal circumstances, making it possible for them to fill out the FAFSA without undergoing the "dependency override" process at every institution to which they apply. By allowing these students to apply for aid as provisional independent students, the legislation will smooth the process for students and institutions alike, hopefully resulting in more of these students pursuing higher education with the student aid they deserve.

AACCC looks forward to working with you as this legislation moves forward.

Sincerely,

Walter G. Bumphus
President and CEO

