

# SAMPLE LETTER

Dear House Representative **[Representative's Name]**,

My name is **[Your Full Name]**, and I live in **[Your City]**, AZ in your district. I am urging you to protect and maintain critically important federal student education programs in the FY26 budget appropriations process by supporting level-funding for the Pell Grant, TRIO, GEAR UP, Federal Work Study, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and AmeriCorps, as seen in the Senate Appropriations Committee Labor, Health and Human Services bill.

These education programs are essential to Arizona students and families. They are invaluable to students from low-income and rural communities, and those who may be first in their families to pursue post-secondary education, as they overcome barriers to college access and completion. Without these supports, many students would be unable to pursue the education and skills training needed to meet the workforce demands of Arizona's growing economy, including industries such as defense, aerospace, healthcare, and advanced manufacturing.

Federal student aid is a ladder to economic mobility in our community and across the country. Cuts to these programs would stifle postsecondary attainment, prevent students from achieving their goals for education and career advancement, and halt the development of our nation's skilled workforce. It is vital that these programs sustain their funding for next fiscal year.

Thank you for your consideration, and for your ongoing work to support Arizona's students and families.

Sincerely,

**[Your Full Name]**

**[Your Street Address]**

**[City, State, ZIP Code]**

**[Phone Number]**

***(Please list your address and phone number so they know you reside in their district).***