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Honorable Paul E. Tsongas
United States Senator
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

*apt. - Wed, Mar. 14
12 noon*

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your letter to me expressing your support of higher education tuition assistance programs. Your personal reference to having gone through college with a loan yourself underlines your recognition of the urgent need for funding for educational assistance.

We appreciate very much your pledge not to support any efforts to reduce the funding for the National Direct Student Loan program, the Middle Income Student Assistance program or the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant program. Indeed, it will be essential that the Middle Income Student Assistance program be funded at its authorized level so that more than one million additional students who now qualify can be assisted.

At the hearings held in Boston recently by the U.S. Office of Education regarding reappropriations for the Higher Education Act, I testified on behalf of our 67,000 full-time and part-time students in the 10 State Colleges across the Commonwealth.

Since I shall be in Washington Tuesday, March 13 and Wednesday, March 14, at a Legislative Workshop being coordinated by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, I have contacted your office to set up an appointment for David Flynn, our State College System's Director of Government Affairs, and myself to meet with you for 15 minutes at your convenience.

We admire the strong positions you have already taken during your opening months in the Senate. We look forward to meeting

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you and to being of assistance to you in the challenging responsibilities you have undertaken in any way that is possible for our State College System to cooperate.

Sincerely,

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cc: Director David L. Flynn