



March 2, 2017

Honorable Rodney Davis  
United States House of Representatives  
1740 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Davis:

Thank you for your leadership in introducing H.R. 795, the Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act of 2017. As members of the Coalition to Preserve Employer Provided Education Assistance (CPEPEA), we support your efforts to encourage employers to assist in the financing of higher education, by expanding Sec. 127 of the Internal Revenue Code to include loan repayment assistance.

The CPEPEA is a broad-based coalition of groups representing business, labor and education dedicated to preserving and expanding Section 127. We believe that providing tax-free educational assistance, and now, to expand this benefit to include student loan repayment assistance, are important tools for employers to attract the best employees, build a skilled workforce, and position the U.S. economy to compete globally.

Increasingly, individuals entering the work force need assistance with repayment of student loan debt. This debt often precludes workers from contributing to personal savings and more importantly, retirement savings plans. Employers providing a student loan repayment benefit not only help to mitigate this challenge, but they are able to recruit and retain top talent.

Again, thank you for your leadership and support of the Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance Act of 2017. The Coalition looks forward to working with you to advance this important piece of legislation

Sincerely,

The Coalition to Preserve Employer Provided Education Assistance

American Association of College Registrars  
American Association of Community Colleges  
American Association of State Colleges and Universities  
American Association of University Professors  
American Council on Education

American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees  
American Federation of Teachers  
American Society for Engineering Education  
American Society for Training & Development  
Asbury College  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of Public and Land-grant Universities  
Association of American Universities  
Association of Community College Trustees  
Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities  
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College & University Professional Association for Human Resources  
College Bound  
Cornell University  
Corporate Voices for Working Families  
Council for Adult and Experiential Learning  
Council of Graduate Schools  
Creighton University  
Dobler College Consulting  
Duke University  
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Government Finance Officers Association  
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Hartford Consortium for Higher Education  
Harvard University  
Hewlett-Packard  
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International Public Management Association for Human Resources  
John Carroll University  
Lake Forest Graduate School of Management  
Lehigh University  
Loyola University  
Marquette University  
Mercer University  
MetroHartford Alliance  
National Association of Colleges and Universities Business Officers  
National Association of Graduate Professional Students  
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities  
National Association of Independent Schools  
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing  
National Public Employer Labor Relations Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association

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TechAmerica  
Texas Instruments  
The George Washington University  
The Precision Metalforming Association  
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United Auto Workers  
United Technologies Corporation  
University Continuing Education Association  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Rochester  
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Cc: The Honorable Scott Peters  
The Honorable Jared Polis  
The Honorable Elise Stefanik