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Dear Dr. Goldrick-Rab,

We write to invite you to testify before the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) on Tuesday, April 16th for a hearing titled "The Challenge of College Affordability: The Student Lens."

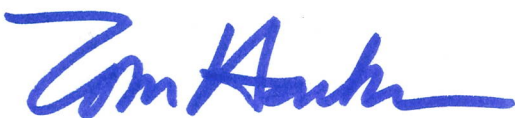
The hearing will be held in Room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building at 10 a.m. The hearing is the fourth and final in a series on college affordability and will focus on the student experience and perspective in regards to the financial challenges they and their families face in accessing and completing a higher education. In particular, we would like for you to provide an overview of the literature, including your own research, on how the affordability challenge affects student decision making and postsecondary education outcomes, and how research findings can inform the Committee's work in improving college access and success for all students, regardless of background.

Committee rules require that written testimony be submitted in advance. Please e-mail a copy of your testimony, a one-page summary of that testimony, and a brief biography, in a Word document, to Leanne Hotek (Leanne_Hotek@help.senate.gov) and Andrew LaCasse (Andrew_Lacasse@help.senate.gov) no later than Thursday, April 11, at the close of business.

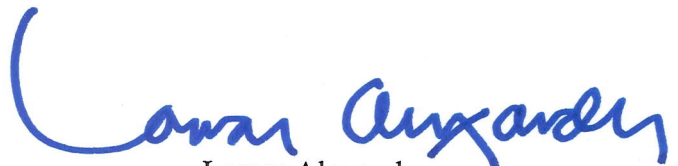
We will distribute your testimony to the Senators on the committee so that they can review it prior to the hearing. You will have the opportunity to provide a brief oral overview of your testimony to the committee. Your remarks should last no longer than five minutes, in order to maximize the time for discussion with committee members. If you have questions, please call Leanne Hotek (202-228-6685) or Spiros Protosaltis (202-224-1205) on Chairman Harkin's staff or Andrew LaCasse (202-224-6770) on Ranking Member Alexander's staff.

We both look forward to your insight and testimony on April 16, 2013. Your assistance to the HELP Committee is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Tom Harkin
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