



March 20, 2020

Dear Members of New England's Congressional Delegation,

I write on behalf of the New England Commission of Higher Education, the regional accreditor for 222 colleges and universities in the six New England states, to encourage your support for legislation that will assist our institutions of higher education and their students in these very challenging times.

Higher education is vital to the economy of each of the New England states, to the well-being of our communities, to strengthening our democracy, and to the promise and prospect of our students and their families. Your support of higher education is vital.

In this past ten days I have talked to leaders of many of our institutions. I am impressed by the creativity, hard work, and care for their students as they pivot quickly to new ways of ensuring students can continue their education.

Colleges and universities – along with their students – are among the great treasures of New England. I hope you can help them maintain the stability and continuity of education that will serve our states and region for decades to come.

Please let me know if I can be helpful to you. I can be reached at [bbrittingham@neche.org](mailto:bbrittingham@neche.org) or 781 425 7747.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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