



January 3, 2017

The Honorable Virginia Foxx
Committee on Education and the Workforce
2176 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Foxx,

On behalf of the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (APLU) and our membership of 222 U.S. institutions, systems, and affiliated organizations, I write to offer my congratulations on your selection as chairwoman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. APLU has appreciated the opportunity to work with you in your prior leadership role and I look forward to continuing to work together.

I know you greatly value the contributions of higher education to our nation and the critical importance of access for Americans who may not have the opportunity to climb the economic ladder without federal financial aid. Like you, I also care deeply about ensuring an appropriate scope of power for the U.S. Department of Education in balance with the power of states and institutions. I appreciate that you approach each issue with the best interests of our nation and students in mind.

Please do not hesitate to let me know when APLU can be a resource. We, of course, will continue to reach out to you and your staff. I look forward to the work ahead.

Sincerely,



Peter McPherson