

July 17, 2014

The Honorable John Kline  
Chairman  
House Committee on Education  
and the Workforce  
2181 Rayburn House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Education  
and the Workforce  
2101 Rayburn House Office Bldg  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

I am writing on behalf of ECMC, a nonprofit company that sponsors programs to help students and families plan and pay for college, to express our support for H.R. 4983, the “Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act,” and H.R. 4984, the “Empowering Students through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act.” By increasing transparency and outreach, these bills lay the foundation to help students and their families make informed decisions about planning and paying for college.

In our role as the second largest guarantor in the nation, managing a \$38 billion portfolio, we talk to many student loan borrowers every day who face the challenge of meeting their student loan obligations. It is ECMC’s desire and commitment to be part of the solution to help students avoid the unsustainable debt faced by too many student loan borrowers today. The introduction of these bills is a positive step in giving students and their families access to the information they need to make an informed decision about which college to attend and how to pay for it.

We support both bills and it is our hope they move quickly through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

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