



July 15, 2014

The Honorable John Kline  
Chairman  
Education and Workforce Committee  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: The Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act, the Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act, the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act**

Dear Chairman Kline,

We write to express our support for the three bipartisan bills crafted by the House Education and Workforce Committee and recently introduced in the House of Representatives. The Simplifying the Application for Student Aid Act (H.R. 4982), the Strengthening Transparency in Higher Education Act (H.R. 4983), and the Empowering Students Through Enhanced Financial Counseling Act (H.R. 4984) would enhance student and family choice through simplification, better information, and increased counseling.

We thank the Committee for coming together to craft bills that address the priorities and concerns of young people in this country. Given the complexity of federal financial aid and level of confusion that borrowers often have about their student debt, we support the Committee's efforts to propose consumer-tested online tools for borrowers. We also strongly support the Committee's call for more data, like institutional Pell graduation rates. All three bills are an encouraging step in the right direction for students and families. We hope that the Committee continues to work together to support students as they make choices about their futures.

Young Invincibles is a nonprofit organization dedicated to expanding economic opportunity for young adults, and we are committed to ensuring that college is accessible for all. We look forward to continuing to work with the Chairman and his staff to amplify the student perspective in higher education policy. For more information, please contact Jennifer Wang, Policy and Advocacy Manager for Young Invincibles, at [jennifer.wang@younginvincibles.org](mailto:jennifer.wang@younginvincibles.org) and (202) 734-6516.

Sincerely,  
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