

October 25, 2018

The Honorable Bill Cassidy
United States Senate
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cassidy:

On behalf of Education Finance Council (EFC), I am writing to endorse S.1121, the *College Transparency Act*. EFC strongly supports this legislation and your efforts to modernize the college reporting system for postsecondary data in order to provide greater transparency for students, families, institutions, and policymakers.

EFC is the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based higher education finance organizations, including the Louisiana Education Loan Authority. These mission-driven, public-purpose entities are dedicated to improving college access, success, and affordability in their states and nationwide. In the past year alone, EFC Members provided over 2.5 million families the resources needed to successfully plan, save, and pay for college. EFC members know first-hand the importance of providing families with clear, actionable information to help them make informed higher education decisions.

EFC believes that by providing critical and customizable information for students and families as they consider higher education opportunities — all while ensuring that the privacy of individual students is protected — this legislation will help students and families choose schools best suited to their unique needs and desired outcomes.

EFC strongly endorses the *College Transparency Act*, which makes common-sense reforms to enable students to make informed college choices. EFC looks forward to working with you, Senator Hatch, Senator Warren, Senator Whitehouse, and your colleagues to move this important legislation forward.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if EFC can be of assistance to you or your staff in any way.

Sincerely,



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President

cc: The Honorable Orrin Hatch
The Honorable Elizabeth Warren
The Honorable Sheldon Whitehouse