

November 13, 2018

The Honorable Darin LaHood
United States House of Representatives
1424 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative LaHood:

On behalf of Education Finance Council (EFC), I want to congratulate you and Representative Sewell for the introduction of H.R.6486, the *Workforce Development Through Post-Graduation Scholarships Act of 2018*. EFC strongly supports this legislation and your efforts to help recruit professionals into the workforce, help alleviate student loan debt, and promote economic growth in underserved communities.

EFC is the national trade association representing nonprofit and state-based higher education finance organizations. 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.

By creating parity for student loan payments with how scholarship payments made by foundations are currently treated under the tax code, this legislation will help charitable organizations to attract and retain talented graduates to strengthen underserved communities across the country.

EFC strongly endorses the *Workforce Development Through Post-Graduation Scholarships Act of 2018*, which makes common-sense reforms to help foster economic growth in high-need areas. EFC looks forward to working with you, Representative Sewell, 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 Terri Sewell