

SAMPLE EMAIL FOR PARTNERS TO SEND TO COMMITTEE AND LEADERSHIP OFFICES

SUBJ: Internet connectivity for higher education

Hello [Staff Name],

I'm writing to express Northwestern Health Science University's support for the *Supporting Connectivity for Higher Education Students in Need Act*, led by Sen. Klobuchar (D-MN) and Rep. Eshoo (D-CA-18). Northwestern Health Science University believes this issue is extremely important because we want to ensure that every student enrolled here at NWHSU, and at any institution across the nation, has equal access to the tools that they need to pursue their education, earn a degree, and propel their careers forward and we urge its inclusion in the next legislative package in response to COVID-19.

As you know, the FCC estimates that [21.3 million Americans](#) don't have access to broadband internet, and other research suggests that number could be as high as [126.8 million Americans](#). Even when rural and low-income families do have access, cost is the [most cited](#) factor for why they don't have a fixed broadband plan in their household. With [most colleges](#) online through the summer and some projecting that they will remain online in the fall, ensuring that students can afford a broadband plan and adequate technology that is sufficient to complete their coursework is necessary to ensure that students don't fall behind.

The *Supporting Connectivity for Higher Education Students in Need Act* is already endorsed by 60 organizations:

Higher Learning Advocates, The Education Trust, National Urban League, American Council on Education, National Action Network, UnidosUS, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Thurgood Marshall College Fund, League of United Latin American Citizens, United Negro College Fund, Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education, OCA- Asian Pacific American Advocates, MediaJustice, National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, Student Veterans of America, Young Invincibles, Students United, Public Knowledge, New America's Open Technology Institute, Schools Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition, National League of Cities, Council for Higher Education Accreditation, New America's Higher Education Program, American Association of State Colleges and Universities, EDUCAUSE, College Forward, National Skills Coalition, Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, America Forward, Institute for Higher Education Policy, Association of Community College Trustees, Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges, Council for Opportunity in Education, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, Distance Education Accrediting Commission, National Association of College and University Business Officers, State Higher Education Executive Officers Association, ED2WORK, National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment, ACT, Inc., The Graduate! Network, Inc., uAspire, Rebuilding America's Middle Class, WASC Senior College and University Commission,

New England Commission of Higher Education, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Middle States Commission on Higher Education, LeadMN, Breakthrough Central Texas, San Antonio Education Partnership, Nashville State Community College Foundation, St. Louis Graduates, University of California Student Association, Northwestern Health Sciences University, Cornell Student Assembly, CUNY University Student Senate, Greater Memphis Chamber, Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

We understand you and other key policymakers are currently considering the next bold legislative action in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. [SENTENCE ABOUT WHY THIS IS CRITICAL FOR STUDENTS]. [ORG NAME] asks you to consider including this important bill in the next package.

Would you have a few minutes available today to chat about this issue further?

Thank you,
[NAME]