

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Colleagues,

As the Co-Chairs of the Congressional TRIO Caucus, we invite you to join this bipartisan, bicameral coalition of legislators in support of the Federal TRIO Programs (“TRIO”). TRIO programs throughout the country help to ensure that our nation’s low-income students have equal access to higher education and every opportunity to become the first members of their families to earn college degrees. Today, this Caucus includes more than 100 Members of Congress who advocate for increased awareness and investments in the TRIO programs, which provide life-changing support services to more than 800,000 students across the country.

The Congressional TRIO Caucus allows Members to collaborate on issues relevant to low-income, first-generation students—including students with disabilities—who wish to pursue postsecondary education. Such issues include financial aid and financial literacy, college completion, and workforce development. The Caucus aims to facilitate communication among congressional offices, various organizations, and the Department of Education, as well as sponsor briefings, generate support letters, and promote the ideals of equal educational opportunity for all students.

We are eager to showcase TRIO’s success in serving America’s first-generation, low-income students, and we look forward to working with other Members of Congress to ensure that TRIO continues to provide educational opportunities to students for years to come. To join the Caucus, please contact Katie Brown at katie.brown@collins.senate.gov, Katie Rubinger at katie.rubinger@tester.senate.gov, Talia Rosen at talia.rosen@mail.house.gov, or Katie Myers at katherine.myers@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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