SUPPORT SENATE PASSAGE OF THE FUTURE ACT

Call your Senator NOW

Tribally Controlled Colleges & Universities, Alaska Native & Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions, Native American Serving non-Tribal Institutions and their students stand to lose $50 million per year if Congress does not act to pass the bipartisan and bicameral FUTURE Act soon.

The House-passed FUTURE Act would extend vitally needed student support, academic, and infrastructure funding for TCUs, other Native serving institutions, as well as HBCUs and HSIs. This program has been in existence for a decade. However, without Congressional action, there will be no new funding after September 30, 2019, so the time to act is now.

We need everyone to call your Senator NOW and urge him/her to support the immediate passage of the FUTURE.

To see if your Senator is a cosponsor of S. 1279, please click here.

To view NCAI’s resolution supporting the FUTURE Act, please click here.

PLACING YOUR CALL

Use the link below to look up the phone number for your Senator’s office in Washington, DC. Once you have the phone number ready, use the script below to make your call. You can call at any time of the day or night. All offices have voice mail services that will record your comments.

- Click How to find your Senator. A link will be provided to the Senator’s website. Scroll down to find contract information, including a phone number of the Washington, DC office.

SAMPLE SCRIPT: This will be a brief 3 minute or so call:

- Hello, I am a constituent from your state. My name is ___________________.

- I am calling to urge my Senator to support, cosponsor, and pass the FUTURE Act as soon as possible.

- The FUTURE Act would continue essential student retention, academic, and infrastructure support for Tribal Colleges, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving institutions and other minority serving institutions.

- The future of TCUs and other important colleges and universities is threatened if Congress does not act soon.

- Please support American Indian and Alaska Native higher education by supporting and passing the FUTURE Act.

- Good bye.

Examples of services funded by the Strengthening Institutions funding (Title III – Part F):
Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources (FUTURE) Act

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- **Construction/Renovation**: Construction of new buildings; renovation of existing buildings; campus expansion
- **Infrastructure**: IT hardware and cyber-security upgrades
- **Student Support Services**: Tutoring; writing and math labs; retention and recruitment programs; other wraparound services; funding for support staff
- **Campus Safety**: Security cameras and outdoor lighting
- **Faculty**: Hiring and support of credentialed faculty in key fields
- **Professional Development**: Faculty and staff for professional development required for licensing and accreditation
- **Accreditation**: Achieving and maintaining compliance
- **Native Language/Culture**: Investment in innovative and critically needed programming; academic and community based language fluency programs
- **Academic Programs**: Development of new programs in high demand and emerging fields
- **Library Service**: Purchase of new and online books and subscriptions; digitization of archives and tribal records
- **Endowments**: Establishment of, and contribution to, endowments for student scholarships, faculty, and long-term sustainability