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RE: FAFSA Simplification Act (S. 2667) In support

Dear Representatives Fortenberry, Bacon and Smith:

My name is Renee Besse and I am the President of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NeASFAA). As an organization of professional financial aid administrators, one of NeASFAA's core objectives is to support legislation that would affect the ability of students to pay for postsecondary education.

The cost of a college education is a major concern to families, and the complexity of the current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be overwhelming. For the 2020-2021 Academic Year, only 53% of Nebraska's graduating seniors completed the FAFSA. Nationwide, thousands of students do not complete the FAFSA annually, potentially limiting opportunities for their futures.

The FAFSA Simplification Act is currently being negotiated by members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee and the House Committee on Education and Labor. NeASFAA supports streamlining the current FAFSA process and we encourage your support of this legislation which would simplify the FAFSA, making a college education more accessible to students.

Sincerely,

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