



December 7, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chair
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairs and Ranking Members,

As the member organizations of the Federation of Associations of Schools of the Health Professions (FASHP), we are writing to urge the inclusion of robust funding for health professions education and training and loan and scholarship programs for health professions students in a final fiscal year (FY) 2023 appropriations package.

FASHP was created in 1968 as a forum for representatives of health professions education institutions to address education's role in organizational patterns of health care; to encourage effective collaboration among the professions in education and practice; to prepare health professions education for the future; and to serve as a liaison with other organizations sharing an interest in health professions education. FASHP comprises 18 associations representing a health professions education community that includes 7,429 programs, institutions, hospitals, and health systems, and more than 1.3 million students, faculty, clinicians, administrators, residents, and researchers.

FASHP advocates for strong funding for student aid programs like the Pell Grant program and campus-based aid programs. Continued support for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program (PSLF), especially as the Department of Education implements the new PSLF regulations, is also important. FASHP advocates robust support for Federal programs under the Public Health Service Act's Titles VII (health professions) and VIII (nursing workforce) and loan and scholarship programs for health professions programs.

The member organizations of FASHP stand ready to be a resource on health professions education policy.

Sincerely,

Federation of Association of Schools of the Health Professions

American Association of Colleges of Nursing
American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine
American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy
American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine
American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges
American Council of Academic Physical Therapy
American Dental Education Association
American Occupational Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
American Psychological Association
Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges
Association of American Medical Colleges
Association of Chiropractic Colleges
Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry
Association of Schools Advancing Health Professions
Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health
Association of University Programs in Health Administration
Council on Social Work Education
Physician Assistant Education Association