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The Honorable Marcia Fudge
United States House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Fudge:

On behalf of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), I write to convey our support for HR 2639, the “Strength in Diversity Act.” This legislation constitutes a significant step toward remedying systemic racial and socio-economic inequities in America’s K-12 education system.

Founded in 1937, NACAC is an organization of nearly 14,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education, including school counselors, college admission officers, and others who advise students on making the transition to college. NACAC is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process.

Our members experience the effects of our segregated education system every day, including inequitable access to school counselors and college advising; unequal access to college preparatory curricula; and significant disparities between schools based on deeply entrenched neighborhood patterns that affect funding and other support for public schools. They know that there can be no true equity in higher education unless there is equity in K-12 education. This bill will provide federal support to begin to deconstruct the barriers that our K-12 system presents to students of color.

We are pleased to provide our support for this important legislation. Please contact me at dhawkins@nacacnet.org if you would like more information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hawkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hawkins
Executive Director for Educational Content and Policy

cc: Ohio Association for College Admission Counseling