



May 19, 2022

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee
S-128 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Richard Shelby
Ranking Member
Senate Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
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The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Leahy, Ranking Member Shelby, Chairwoman DeLauro, and Ranking Member Granger:

Thank you for your continued support for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and other Minority-Serving Institutions (MSIs). As companies with valuable partnerships with HBCUs and MSIs, we know first-hand the impact these institutions have on students, our communities, and the broader economy.

We write in strong support of the President's budget proposals for HBCUs and MSIs and urge you to consider funding in the FY 2023 federal appropriations bills for HBCUs and MSIs at the President's budget request levels.

The President's budget proposes increases for the various HBCU programs and initiatives including \$450 million for four-year HBCU's and MSIs to expand research and development infrastructure. These investments are in line with what we believe are necessary to advance the goals of HBCUs and MSIs.

We also support efforts to at least double the maximum value of a federal Pell Grant. The President's budget includes an increase of \$2175 to the maximum Pell Grant award. This would have the practical effect of increasing support for HBCUs and MSIs whose students, on average, most frequently qualify for these grants.

As leading technology companies, we believe that diversity is an essential driver of innovation and creativity. The valuable partnerships we have had with HBCUs and MSIs over the years have contributed to building the innovative workforce we desire, and our country needs, to compete globally. We look forward to continuing and expanding on our partnerships with programs such as on-campus recruitment, digital learning, and other investments in these Institutions.

We appreciate your continued commitment to federal support for HBCUs, MSIs and related initiatives, and we urge you to support robust funding as you consider the FY 2023 budget and appropriations bills.

Sincerely,

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