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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
U.S. Senate
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Washington, DC, 20510

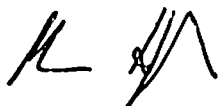
Dear Senator Collins:

Thank you for your strong leadership in galvanizing your colleagues in Congress to ensure that students served by TRIO Upward Bound programs across the nation will not miss out on further enrichment opportunities because of bureaucratic oversight. Because of your efforts, students who participate in currently funded Upward Bound programs will have the opportunity to continue benefiting from the life-changing academic supportive services provided by TRIO. As you know, for more than 50 years, Upward Bound has illuminated the pathway for low-income students to successfully navigate the college process and ultimately become the first members of their families to enroll in and graduate from college. Without champions like you, the trajectory of the program's success would have been cut short.

Our community remains deeply committed to working with you to defend the low-income, first-generation students served by Upward Bound and all of the TRIO programs. We would be remiss if we did not also thank your excellent staff member, Katie Brown, for their consistent support of TRIO. Together, we will continue to provide students from low-income, hard-working families the opportunity to access the American dream through higher education.

Thank you, once again, for your tremendous leadership on behalf of low-income, first-generation students everywhere.

Sincerely,



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President