



New Jersey Business & Industry Association

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President

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The Honorable Robert Andrews
U.S. House of Representatives
2439 Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Andrews:

On behalf of the nearly 22,000 employers represented by the New Jersey Business & Industry Association, I am writing today to ask that you support H.R. 3221, The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2009.

H.R. 3221 creates a new Community College Challenge Grant Program that will help our colleges strengthen their job training, academic and developmental programs. It will also substantially increase the maximum Pell grant. The bill also provides funding so that community colleges can modernize their facilities in response to record enrollment growth.

The New Jersey Business and Industry Association strongly believes that New Jersey's community colleges do an outstanding job preparing students for the workforce. Their continued growth and innovation is essential to the state's employers.

I understand that H.R. 3221 will go to the House of Representatives for a final vote later this month

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and I hope that you will support H.R. 3221.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil".