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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Steve Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for the FUTURE Act, H.R. 2486. I appreciate your views on this important issue and am pleased to have the opportunity to respond.

As you may know, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are colleges and universities established prior to 1964 whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans. As a proud alumna of an HBCU, Central State University, I wholeheartedly support the mission of these institutions of higher learning. H.R. 2486 would authorize permanent, mandatory funding for HBCUs in order to allow these phenomenal institutions to continue their important work while financing capital improvements, student services, and faculty and curriculum development.

H.R. 2486 ultimately was restructured into another FUTURE Act, H.R. 5363, which I voted for in the House of Representatives when it passed by a vote of 319 to 96 on December 12, 2019. Thanks to the collaboration of my colleagues in Congress, the FUTURE Act became Public Law 116-91 on December 19, 2019, permanently authorizing appropriations for HBCUs and expanding Pell Grants for low-income students.

I believe that the federal government should continue to play an important role in funding our nation's education programs, including HBCUs. Should further legislation supporting HBCUs and other minority-serving institutions reach the floor of the House of Representatives, rest assured that I will take your views into consideration.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this matter. Please feel free to contact me by visiting www.beatty.house.gov or by calling my office at (202) 225-4324.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joyce Beatty".

Joyce Beatty
Member of Congress, OH-03

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