[INSERT DATE]

The Honorable INSERT NAME of YOUR SENATOR

[INSERT WASHINGTON DC OFFICE ADDRESS]

Re: Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act

Dear Senator (INSERT NAME):

On behalf of [INSERT TRIBE/ORGANIZATION), I strongly urge you to cosponsor S. 1279, the Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act. This legislation will reauthorize the Strengthening Institutions – Tribal College and Universities program (HEA Title III Part F). As one of the nation’s 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) serving American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students across Indian Country, INSERT NAME OF TCU and our Tribal community will lose critically-needed education funding if Congress does not act before September 30, 2019, when this program will expire.

Since FY2010, the Strengthening Institutions – Tribal College and Universities program (HEA Title III Part F) has supported the Tribal College Movement in addressing the higher education needs of AI/AN students. Through this program, TCUs collectively receive $30 million in annual mandatory funding. (INSERT NAME of TCU) has used this funding for student support services, faculty development, academic curriculum and courses to strengthen our Tribal nation, library services, classroom construction or modernization, and many other important education activities. Without these funds, (INSERT NAME of TCU) will be forced to reduce services jeopardizing student completion and success.

The FUTURE Act will sustain mandatory funding for two more years (FY 2021-2022) at current levels for Tribal Colleges and Universities ($30 million), Alaska Native Serving Institutions ($15 million), and Native American Serving non-Tribal Institutions ($5 million). For timely distribution of funding and to avoid any disruptions of services at TCUs, Congress must pass the FUTURE Act before funding expires at the end of the current fiscal year on September 30, 2019.

On behalf of (INSERT TRIBE/ORGANIZATION), I strongly urge you to support this time-sensitive legislation to ensure the continuity of operations at (INSERT NAME OF TCU).

Please contact us if you have any questions or if additional information is needed. Thank you for your continued support of (INSERT NAME of TRIBAL COLLEGE) and AI/AN students across the nation.

Sincerely,

(INSERT TRIBAL LEADER NAME)