

Senator Jerry Moran  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Maggie Hassan  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

September 29, 2025

Dear Senator Moran and Senator Hassan:

Thank you for your commitment to student parents and for leading the efforts to make September 2025 the fifth annual “National Student Parent Month.” The 64 undersigned organizations and individuals are thrilled to join you in celebrating the recognitions and achievements of student parents across the country this month.

Parenting students continue to make up almost [one-fifth](#) of the undergraduate student population — over 3 million students. Additionally, [48%](#) of parenting students are first-generation college students and 30% are food insecure. Furthermore, [66%](#) of parenting students work full-time or more while attending school, studying, and caring for their children.

Parenting students are uniquely motivated to succeed in higher education, despite facing many challenges. In fact, student parents tend to have higher grade point averages than their non-parenting peers. But, due to structural barriers and lack of support, they are [10 times](#) less likely than students without children to complete a bachelor's degree within five years. Only by changing how the system serves this critical population can their likelihood of attaining a degree increase.

Raising awareness about this population is critical to understanding their experiences and paving a smoother path for their postsecondary success. We are grateful for your commitment to supporting and celebrating student parents through the passage of the National Student Parent Month Resolution, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to support student parents.

Sincerely,

Today's Students Coalition  
American Association of University Women  
ASCEND at the Aspen Institute  
Association of Community College Trustees  
CAEL  
California Competes  
Center for Higher Education Policy and Practice at SNHU  
City College of San Francisco's Family Resource Center  
Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc.  
Community Food Bank of San Benito County

Early Childhood Learning School at UC Davis  
Generation Hope  
Healthy Teen Network  
InsideTrack  
Institute for Women's Policy Research  
Jeremiah Program  
LeadMN  
LIFT  
Michigan State University Student Parent Resources Center  
Mount Mary University  
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education

National Women's Law Center  
New America Higher Education Program  
New Mexico Basic Needs Consortium  
One Family  
Prismatic Research & Strategy  
Student Basic Needs Coalition  
Student Parent Help Center University of  
Minnesota  
Student Veterans of America  
Student Helping Oz Peers  
Student With Dependents Program  
The Education Trust  
The Hope Center for Student Basic Needs  
The Institute for College Access and Success  
The Pregnant Scholar  
UAspire  
UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden  
Teaching Nursery  
UC Student Association  
UIC CCAMPIS/Little Sparks Program  
UPCEA  
Women Employed

## **Individuals**

Sydney Barnes  
Eve Castellanos  
Kathy Castillo Escutia  
Jessica Chatman  
Sarah Dahlen  
Amber Davenport  
Whitney Donielson  
Giovvana Guerrero  
Schinal Harrington  
Anne Hofmann  
Justyce Leyva  
Abigail Madrid  
Laurie Magulac  
Diana Malarchik  
Ashley Moncrief  
Heather Moon  
Rama Ouattara  
Paulina Rojas  
Victoria Salemme  
Celeste Salinas  
Valerie Shepard  
Sabrina Valdez  
Kate Zinsser