Statement from Trustee and SUNY Student Assembly President Austin Ostro regarding developments on the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

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"The State University of New York Student Assembly (SUNYSA), representing over 1.4 million students, stands firmly in support of a comprehensive reauthorization of the Higher Education Act.

While we appreciate the advocacy of Senator Lamar Alexander on behalf of students, we believe that the best course of action is comprehensive bipartisan reauthorization. We believe that the HEA should not be used to hold funding for HBCUs and MSIs hostage.

Lastly, we do not want HEA reauthorization to be lost in the impeachment proceedings. Comprehensive reauthorization is already long overdue, and students should not further suffer because of DC politics.

About the SUNY Student Assembly

The Student Assembly of the State University of New York (SUNY SA) is the recognized student government organization representing the nearly 1.4 million students of the State University of New York. Comprised of student leaders elected by their peers from across SUNY’s 64 campuses, SUNY SA is committed to empowering students throughout the state, and ensuring the representation of its members on the state and national level, as well as throughout the SUNY system.

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