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July 22, 2025

The Honorable Linda McMahon
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Secretary McMahon:

On behalf of Rebuilding America's Middle Class (RAMC), I am writing to express RAMC's concern regarding the U.S. Department of Education's withholding of critical Federal funds that benefit students throughout the education continuum from the States. RAMC is especially concerned about the withholding of Adult Education State grant funds, which directly impacts the mission of our members. Following the release of the 21st Century Community Learning Centers (Title IV, Part B) funding, RAMC urges the Department to release the Adult Education State Grant funding and the remaining funding being withheld from States.

RAMC represents more than 75 community colleges and approximately 1 million students nationwide. Community colleges serve 45 percent of all first-time freshmen and 40 percent of our students are first-generation college students. Community colleges are open access, seek to make higher education accessible and affordable for everyone and match employers' need for a larger, more workforce. We know the importance of preparing more Americans to enter the workforce with the skills necessary to compete for in-demand jobs.

Adult Education funding is essential to the mission of community colleges as it allows students coming to our schools to gain critical skills the need to be successful in postsecondary education. These funds directly help students secure the skills they need to be productive workers. While the other four programs for which the Department is withholding funds are administered by State's K-12 system, those funds also help ensure that students are prepared for the rigors of postsecondary education through dual enrollment opportunities and when they graduate high school.

Community colleges serve all types of students, and the withholding of Adult Education State grant funds and other funding for the other four state formula programs will prevent students from accessing the skills needed to chart a successful path to postsecondary education and the middle class. Withholding these funds from States only hurts our economic success as a nation and the ability of individuals to financially provide for their families and strengthen the economies of their local communities.

We urge the Department to release all withheld funding, including the Adult Education State grant funds, so that students can successfully complete the credentials they need to obtain and retain employment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Monty Sullivan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Monty Sullivan

Board President, Rebuilding America's Middle Class (RAMC)
President, Louisiana Community and Technical College System