

No Pell Advocating for Peers

Dear [Senator/Representative Last Name],

My name is **your name here**, and I'm an honor student at **[fill in the name of your college here]**. I don't personally receive a Pell Grant—but many of my peers do. And I am writing on their behalf, because I see the impact these proposed changes would have on their futures, our classrooms, and our communities.

Most of my classmates attend part-time because they have to—because they work, because they care for their families, because they are trying to do everything right in a system that makes it harder and harder to succeed. Many of them are first-generation college students, single parents, or caregivers. They are working incredibly hard to change their lives.

They are not failing. Your policy is failing them.

The recent proposal to cut Pell Grant support for part-time students and to tax Pell aid is more than just a budgetary decision—it's a decision that tells low-income students they don't belong. That their efforts aren't enough. That unless they can attend full-time, they shouldn't attend at all.

These students are the backbone of our economy. They work in healthcare, education, skilled trades, and public service. When we deny them aid, we don't just delay their graduation—we weaken our communities.

You have the power to protect the Pell Grant. Please vote against any legislation that reduces access for part-time students or increases the financial burden they already carry.

I may not receive Pell, but I see its value every day. Please stand up for the students who need it most.

Sincerely,