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The Honorable Jon B. Larson  
1005 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Larson:

We write on behalf of our respective associations, which represent the chief executive officers and trustees of the nation's community colleges. As you know, community colleges represent the largest sector of higher education and enroll over 46 percent of the nation's undergraduate college students. We would like to state our support for your legislation to provide grants to community colleges to provide accessible computer labs and information technology training for students and the public.

In the all-encompassing digital age it is easy to forget that there are millions of Americans who lack access to computer technology and/or the ability to utilize it. The lack of facilities and knowledge create innumerable difficulties for our citizens, hampering them in many aspects of their lives including employment opportunities. While many community colleges are now doing what they can to provide public access to their computer labs, as just one of their many public services, the colleges' first priority must necessarily be on students, and most institutions simply cannot accommodate a fraction of the public need.

Therefore, we commend you for helping our institutions solve this problem. If enacted and funded, we are sure that the funds will be used effectively and serve a good cause that will have long term benefits for the country. We thank you again for developing this legislation, and are committed to working with you to ensure its enactment.

Sincerely,

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AACC CEO and President

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