Dear Community College Colleagues:

The 2014 Community College National Legislative Summit (NLS) comes at a time when federal policy makers will be considering legislative and funding issues that will impact our institutions and students both now and well into the future. As Congress works to determine priorities concerning higher-education reform, your voice can play an essential role in determining the course of our nation relative to America's skilled workforce and global competitiveness.

ACCT and AACC strongly encourage you to attend the 2014 NLS this February 10-13 to help advance the community college federal legislative agenda. The NLS will provide you with the opportunity to highlight the importance of community colleges to our nation’s economic strength with your members of Congress, and also offer the tools to leverage additional support at the state and local levels.

It is crucial that trustees, presidents, students, and other advocates and leaders have face-to-face meetings with Representatives and Senators in Washington. As always, the NLS will feature outstanding speakers, informative sessions on current topics, and a thorough briefing of the newly announced 2014 community college legislative priorities. We can be sure that issues related to the federal budget will be front and center.

With your attendance at the 2014 NLS, community colleges can influence the national political agenda and make continued strides in communicating the quality and effectiveness of the work done at our institutions. Mark your calendar today and plan to attend the 2014 Community College National Legislative Summit. Your voice and your presence are critical to ensuring the ongoing federal prioritization of community colleges.

Sincerely,

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