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The Honorable Linda Sánchez
United States House of Representatives
2329 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sánchez:

On behalf of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC), I write to express our support for the “Put School Counselors Where They Are Needed” Act (H.R. 614).

Founded in 1937, NACAC is an organization of more than 15,000 professionals from around the world dedicated to serving students as they make choices about pursuing postsecondary education, including school counselors, college admission officers, and others who advise students on making the transition to college. NACAC is committed to maintaining high standards that foster ethical and social responsibility among those involved in the transition process.

H.R. 614 acknowledges the role school counselors play in students’ K-12 experiences. It also acknowledges the critical shortage of counselors in schools serving large numbers of low-income students. School counselors are a vital part of the continuum that keeps students safe, healthy, informed, and ready to learn. They are also integral to achieving our nation’s postsecondary education access and success goals. [Data](#) from the U.S. Department of Education’s *High School Longitudinal Study* revealed that students who worked one-on-one with a school counselor were nearly seven times more likely to complete a FAFSA and three times as likely to enroll in postsecondary education.

Thank you again for sponsoring this legislation. Please contact me at dhawkins@nacacnet.org if you would like more information or assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Hawkins", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Hawkins
Chief Education and Policy Officer

cc: Western Association for College Admission Counseling