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U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce  
2176 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal, I am writing to emphasize the importance of the Accreditation for College Excellence (ACE) Act of 2025. This legislation takes a crucial step in safeguarding academic freedom and ensuring that accreditation remains focused solely on educational quality, free from ideological or political influence.

Today, many accrediting bodies impose political litmus tests on institutions as part of accreditation standards. This practice is especially problematic when done by monopolistic programmatic accreditors. By barring accreditors from mandating disparate treatment of individuals based on political beliefs or imposing ideological criteria, the ACE Act restores accreditation to its proper purpose: evaluating educational rigor and institutional effectiveness.

Importantly, H.R. 2516 also protects religious institutions by allowing them to uphold faith-based missions and membership standards without accreditation penalties. This preservation of religious liberty within the academy is a critical acknowledgment of viewpoint diversity and institutional autonomy.

By redefining accreditation standards to focus only on compliance and educational quality, and by eliminating politicized or ideological entry barriers, this legislation fosters a more dynamic higher education ecosystem.

Thank you for your leadership in pursuing policy solutions that reinforce academic freedom, viewpoint diversity, and quality in higher education.

Respectfully,



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