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The Honorable Governor John Kasich  
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Governor Kasich,

House Bill 64, as reported by Conference Committee, contains language that would cause an elimination of most or all College Credit Plus programs at Ohio independent colleges. CC5410 of House Bill 64 mandates that any private non-profit institution of higher education participating in College Credit Plus (CCP) must offer an Associate Degree through the CCP program.

Of AICUO's 52 members, only 21 offer any kind of Associate degree, let alone one through CCP. The language would leave schools with long-standing programs, such as Kenyon College, and Otterbein, Cedarville, and John Carroll Universities, no choice but to shut down.

This language was not originally part of the College Credit Plus legislation or your original Executive Budget. It was added in the House Substitute Bill but removed from the Senate-passed budget, citing the concern about eliminating non-profit colleges from the marketplace.

There is nothing prohibiting a student from attending an institution that offers an Associate degree if they so choose. The language will only eliminate options for students.

We ask that you line-item veto the language "and participating private colleges," in lines 6-7 of Conference Committee amendment 5410, as incorporated into the final text of the Conference Committee bill. The veto will ensure that Ohio's high school students have access to as many College Credit Plus programs as possible.

Cordially,

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