

American Indian Higher Education Consortium, 121 Oronoco Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources (FUTURE) Act (S. 1279 and H.R. 2486)

Call your United States Senator or Representative

Calling your Senator or Representative's office is one of the most useful and effective ways to advocate for your issue. Making a phone call will take less than two minutes of your time.

First, use the links below to look up the phone number for your Senator or Representative's office in Washington, DC. Once you have the phone number ready, plan to call the office during business hours, typically between 9 am and 5 pm EDT. A receptionist will likely answer the phone. This is your opportunity as a community member to express your support for the continuation of TCU funding through the FUTURE Act.

- [How to find your Senator](#): Use the "choose your state" drop down box to find the phone numbers for your two Senators.
- [How to find your Representative](#): Enter your zip code to find your one Representative. A link will be provided to your Representative's individual website. Contact information, including a phone number of their Washington, DC office, will be listed.

Below is a sample script for your phone call:

Sample Phone Call Script

Receptionist: Hello. Thank you for calling our office.

You: Hello, my name is (YOUR NAME). I'm a community member from (YOUR CITY) and I attend (INSERT TRIBAL COLLEGE NAME).

Today I am calling to urge (INSERT SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME) to support my tribal college by cosponsoring the FUTURE Act (Senate Bill: S.1279 or House Bill: H.R. 2486).

The FUTURE Act would continue funding for essential services such as (INSERT EXAMPLE OF SERVICE) at my tribal college.

Receptionist: Great. We will make a note of this for the Senator/Representative. Is there anything else we can help you with?

You: No, thank you. Today I'm only calling to ask (INSERT SENATOR OR REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME) to support by Tribal College by supporting the FUTURE Act.

End of phone call.

Other notes:

- Often, you may receive an automated message with an option to leave a message or speak directly to a staff member. If you are calling during business hours, it's best to speak directly to a staff member.
- The receptionist may ask for your name, email address, or zip code. This is normal and used to track how many phone calls were received on any particular issue.

If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact Patrese Atine by email at patine@aihec.org or by phone at (703)-838-0400 extension 111.

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Examples of services funded by the Strengthening Institutions funding (Title III – Part F)

- **Construction/Renovation:** Construction of new buildings; renovation of existing buildings; campus expansion
- **Infrastructure:** IT hardware and cyber-security upgrades
- **Student Support Services:** Tutoring; writing and math labs; retention and recruitment programs; other wraparound services; funding for support staff
- **Campus Safety:** Security cameras and outdoor lighting
- **Faculty:** Hiring and support of credentialed faculty in key fields
- **Professional Development:** Faculty and staff for professional development required for licensing and accreditation
- **Accreditation:** Achieving and maintaining compliance
- **Native Language/Culture:** Investment in innovative and critically needed programming; academic and community based language fluency programs
- **Academic Programs:** Development of new programs in high demand and emerging fields
- **Library Service:** Purchase of new and online books and subscriptions; digitization of archives and tribal records
- **Endowments:** Establishment of, and contribution to, endowments for student scholarships, faculty, and long-term sustainability