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Washington, DC 20515

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Honorable Howard P. "Buck" McKeon  
Chairman  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the attached table showing the direct spending effects of an amendment in the nature of a substitute for H.R. 609, the College Access and Opportunity Act of 2006, as modified by a potential manager's amendment (as specified in SAC\109HEA\HR609FL\MNGR\_001). The proposed manager's amendment would eliminate any potential direct spending for Pell grants by making all changes to that program effective on July 1, 2007. In addition, the proposed amendment would eliminate the provision that would require certain collections on defaulted Perkins loans to be distributed to participating schools.

With this amendment, CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 609 would result in no significant additional direct spending over the 2006-2011 period and in additional outlays of \$3.4 billion over the succeeding five years.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Justin Humphrey.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Marron  
Acting Director

Enclosure

cc: Honorable George Miller  
Ranking Member

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**ESTIMATED DIRECT SPENDING EFFECTS OF H.R. 609, THE COLLEGE ACCESS AND OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2006**

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By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars

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2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016

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**Rules Committee Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 609 (March 22, 2006)**

Estimated Budget Authority	7,590	40	40	40	40	40	401	715	736	840	917
Estimated Outlays	1,819	5,619	192	40	40	40	401	715	736	840	917

**Changes Resulting from Proposed Manager's Amendment**

Estimated Budget Authority	-7,590	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40
Estimated Outlays	-1,819	-5,619	-192	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40	-40

**Amendment in the Nature of a Substitute to H.R. 609, Incorporating the Proposed Manager's Amendment**

Estimated Budget Authority	*	*	*	*	*	*	361	675	696	800	877
Estimated Outlays	*	*	*	*	*	*	361	675	696	800	877

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NOTES: Assumes legislation would be enacted by July 1, 2006.

\* = Less than \$500,000.

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