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## Mitch McConnell and Senate Republicans Leave Students At Minority-Serving Institutions Behind

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Leader McConnell is burying another, bipartisan bill in his legislative graveyard. The **Fostering Undergraduate Talent by Unlocking Resources for Education (FUTURE) Act passed the House of Representatives by a voice vote on September 17, 2019**, before funding for minority-serving institutions (MSIs) lapsed on September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Over the last 49 days**, Mitch McConnell and Senate Republicans have blocked multiple attempts to pass the law in the Senate.

The FUTURE Act reauthorizes critical mandatory funding to Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Hispanic-Serving institutions (HSIs) and other minority-serving institutions.

### What is a Minority- Serving Institution?

Minority-serving institutions (MSI) are institutions of higher education that serve high populations of students of color. Many have financial challenges and tend to enroll high populations of low-income students. MSIs strive to improve access and completion of higher education for underrepresented students, in order to overcome racial discrimination and limited opportunities.

**MSIs serve nearly six million students, more than a quarter of all undergraduates.** If the FUTURE Act is not passed, MSIs stand to lose over \$500 million in federal funds over the next two years.

### Why Does Supporting MSIs Matter?

MSI grantees are located in 41 states, 4 territories, and 1 republic. MSIs across the country generate immense opportunities for their students, many of whom are from low-income families and are students of color. It should be noted that more than 75 percent of students at HBCUs and 90 percent of students at TCUs receive Pell Grants.

In order to provide a quality education for these students, MSIs rely on various federal funding sources to improve student services and academics such as counseling, tutoring, mentoring, and STEM and career training programs. **Over the last 12 years, more than \$2.5 billion in federal funds have gone to support important programs at these institutions.**

MSIs are important to developing a talented and diverse workforce. These institutions create pathways for students of color to attain degrees in STEM fields and secure good-paying jobs. **HBCUs, for example, have created over 134,000 jobs and have produced over \$10 billion in gross regional product and a total annual economic impact of nearly \$15 billion.**<sup>1</sup> With the education of six million students at stake, Mitch McConnell must act now!

### Top 10 States Receiving MSI Funding from 2008-2018

State	Total MSI Funding (2008-2018)
California	\$457,857,819
Texas	\$259,555,689
North Carolina	\$118,279,910
Alabama	\$115,667,617
Hawaii	\$110,185,280
New Mexico	\$104,643,421
Georgia	\$100,670,611
Florida	\$86,168,518
Mississippi	\$79,312,423
South Carolina	\$79,279,148

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<sup>1</sup> [https://secure.uncf.org/page/-/pdfs/HBCU\\_FactSht\\_National\\_7-17B1.pdf?\\_ga=2.111342340.1277988566.1572463141-358314634.1572463141](https://secure.uncf.org/page/-/pdfs/HBCU_FactSht_National_7-17B1.pdf?_ga=2.111342340.1277988566.1572463141-358314634.1572463141)