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ACCU Releases Statement on Emergency Relief for Students

Washington, DC—The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities released the following statement today:

The Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities is deeply disappointed that undocumented students have been directly excluded from the emergency relief funds made available for higher education institutions and their students.

Catholic colleges and universities, many of which were founded in order to serve immigrant populations, know these students by name and see how their educations, as well as their living and working circumstances, have been upended by the pandemic. This is a moment to alleviate human need and hardly the time to exclude young people whose only crime is having been brought to the United States as infants.

As widely reported, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an especially devastating effect on vulnerable populations. To further the hardships of college students who are working hard to become productive members of our society seems to us an unjustifiable choice.

The **ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**, founded in 1899, serves as the collective voice of U.S. Catholic higher education. Through programs and services, the association strengthens and promotes the Catholic identity and mission of its member institutions so that all associated with Catholic higher education can contribute to the greater good of the world and the Church.