

July 17, 2017

The Honorable Thad Cochran
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen
Chairman, Appropriations Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Committee
U.S. Senate

The Honorable Nita Lowey
Ranking Member, Appropriations
Committee
U.S. House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Cochran, Ranking Member Leahy, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and Ranking Member Lowey:

We are former United States Ambassadors to countries across the globe. While we may differ in political ideology, we write today united with one voice to ask that the Senate and House Appropriations Committees support full funding in fiscal year 2018 for the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The unprecedented 55 percent cut called for in the Administration's full budget would jeopardize our nation's public diplomacy efforts.

We have seen first-hand the critical role that international exchange programs play in our nation's soft power diplomacy. Exchange programs enhance U.S. national security and prosperity by building productive partnerships, mutual understanding, and personal connections that help us address critical global issues including strengthening the world economy and combating terrorism. In the countries where we have served, we have seen exchange programs help draw emerging political leaders closer to the United States, provide international scholars with critical information and contacts they need in America, and strengthen the appreciation of our country by exposing hundreds of thousands of people to our culture. These are the soft-power results that complemented our direct diplomacy efforts in countries that are critical to our national security.

Additionally, exchange programs create a welcoming environment for over a million international students to study in the United States. These students add over \$32 billion to our economy while supporting over 400,000 jobs here.

It is critical that we position Americans to be competitive and succeed in today's globalized marketplace. This includes equipping them with foreign language skills and cultural awareness – 21st century skills many employers look for today when hiring. The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs' budget provides highly successful exchange opportunities for young Americans who may otherwise not be able to travel or engage in these life-changing experiences.

Gutting exchange programs is not a win for the taxpayer or small government. To the contrary, the cost of these programs is considerably less than one percent of the federal

budget, and the return-on-investment is immense. Moreover, virtually all of the exchange program budget is spent in the U.S. or on Americans. Because of that investment, 1 in 3 world leaders today have been on a U.S. exchange program.

To be most effective, U.S. funding for exchange programs should be balanced and strategic by reaching a range of people from many different countries. Our country is very well served by supporting: academic exchanges; initiatives to engage emerging leaders; language and area studies programs that prepare U.S. citizens for the workforce; capacity development for women; youth engagement; exchanges of cultural and artistic expression; interactions with international athletes; and virtual exchanges that connect people who are unable to travel.

We are grateful that the power and reach of these programs is widely recognized and that Congress has consistently demonstrated a strong, bipartisan commitment to exchange programs. This spring, Congress passed the FY 2017 Omnibus bill, which secured a seven percent budget increase for educational and cultural exchange programs through the end of the year.

Notwithstanding this, the Administration continues to push for dramatic cuts and a reorganization of exchange programs that would significantly narrow the reach and range of these programs. This would be a grave mistake.

As Defense Secretary James Mattis has suggested, the way to reduce the possibility of war is to increase people-to-people diplomacy – which is at the heart of cultural and educational exchanges.

We are greatly appreciative of Congress' robust support of educational and cultural exchange programs in the FY 2017 Omnibus bill. With deep respect, we urge you to continue protecting these critical programs by fully funding educational and cultural exchange programs in FY 2018.

cc: The Honorable Lindsey Graham
cc: The Honorable Harold Rogers
cc: Secretary of State Rex Tillerson

Signed,

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