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**HOUSE AND SENATE BILLS MAKE DEVASTATING CUTS TO PELL
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Move puts program on unstable footing for next year

“As President and Vice President of the country’s oldest and largest student association, representing 1.5 million students, we are incredibly concerned with the FY 2016 Labor HHS Education Appropriations bill.

The bill requires a cut of \$3.6 billion below the FY 2015 level. Both House and Senate bills cut funding for Pell grants and place the program on unstable footing for next year, resulting in a shortfall in FY 2017.

We are also disappointed that some in the higher education policy and advocacy community ignored cuts in this bill and endorse extreme efforts to roll back student protections like gainful employment.”

The United States Student Association (USSA) is the nation’s oldest and largest student-led, student-run organization representing over 1.5 million student members on issues of education justice.