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APSCU Statement on Senate HELP Committee Hearing

Washington, D.C. - March 10, 2011 - The Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities (APSCU) released the following statement on a hearing held today by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee:

Yesterday the Secretary of Education warned Congress that over 80 percent of schools are on track to fail the No Child Left Behind law. Today we have a Senate hearing that singles out the one sector of higher education dealing successfully with non-traditional, non-college track students. There is nothing contradictory about a free enterprise approach to higher education working in concert with traditional higher education to return this nation to the top spot in global competition. As students across America are learning to their dismay, the subsidy for public education is declining. At least 43 states have cut funding to higher education. And if a student is not lucky enough to be born into an affluent household, options to gain a postsecondary education, especially in hot career fields, are few. Private sector colleges and universities provide an important alternative. Our schools offer millions of students an opportunity for a better education and a better life. Issues like graduation and student debt are not endemic to one sector of higher education and should not be treated as such. Let's put students first.

About APSCU

The Association of Private Sector Colleges and Universities is a voluntary membership organization of accredited, private postsecondary schools, institutes, colleges and universities that provide career-specific educational programs. APSCU has more than 1,800 members that educate and support over one million students each year for employment in over 200 occupational fields. APSCU member institutions provide the full range of higher education programs: master's and doctoral degree programs, two- and four-year associate and baccalaureate degree programs, and short-term certificate and diploma programs. Visit APSCU at www.apscu.org or follow us on Twitter: [@apscunow](https://twitter.com/apscunow). On September 22, 2010, APSCU changed its name from the Career College Association.

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