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Below is a 499 mailer regarding Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi co-sponsoring the Pell Grant Sustainability Act introduced by Reps. Sean Casten and Susie Lee.

Congressman Krishnamoorthi is proud to be an original co-sponsor of the Pell Grant Sustainability Act introduced by Reps. Sean Casten (D-Ill.) and Susie Lee (D-Nev.). The maximum Federal Pell Grant for the 2020-2021 academic year covered less than 30 percent of base educational costs at public four-year colleges and universities, a drop of more than 80 percent since the 1974-1975 academic year. This legislation will increase the value of Pell Grants to keep pace with the rising costs of attending college by reinstating an annual inflation adjustment to Pell Grants that was mandatory prior to the 2018-2019 school year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District is home to more than 10 colleges and universities, and students have had to struggle with rising costs year after year on top of already increasing inflation and three years of Covid-19 pandemic related costs. It is key to students' individual success, as well as the future economic outlook of the country, that students have the same educational opportunities regardless of their financial background. As a former engineer and lawyer, Congressman Krishnamoorthi understands the value of a good education. He has made it a top priority during his time in Congress and recently introduced legislation that would double federal funding for Career and Technical Education (CTE). The congressman also introduced and helped pass into law the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act in 2018, which gives states more funding and flexibility to create worker training programs that prepare students for in-demand jobs in our community. Supporting the next generation of American workers by lowering education barriers strengthens our economy, our communities, and our country. Congressman Krishnamoorthi wholeheartedly endorses the Pell Grant Sustainability Act.

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