



Department of  
Higher Education

John R. Kasich, Governor  
John Carey, Chancellor

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The Honorable Tim Brown, Chairman  
Sunset Review Committee  
77 S. High St., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Brown:

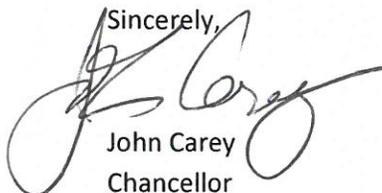
Thank you for the opportunity to provide information to the Sunset Review Committee regarding the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Workgroup.

The Higher Education Student Financial Aid Workgroup was created in HB 484 of the 130th General Assembly. The workgroup was tasked with reviewing Ohio's financial aid programs and developing recommendations with regard to the types of financial assistance available, including assistance for at-risk populations, and optimal funding levels. Members of the workgroup included the chancellor, representatives of Ohio's higher education associations, and legislative members from the House and Senate.

The group worked throughout the fall of 2014, reviewing all financial aid programs available through the Ohio Board of Regents, examining data and reports related to financial aid, and hearing presentations and proposals from guest speakers and stakeholders. In accordance with state law, the workgroup's final report was submitted by the chancellor on December 30th, 2014, at which time the workgroup ceased to exist.

The work and recommendations of the workgroup have helped strengthen and add value to Ohio's existing programs, while finding ways to better serve Ohio's students. Being that the work of the workgroup has been completed, I respectfully request that the Higher Education Student Financial Aid Workgroup sunset.

Sincerely,



John Carey  
Chancellor