

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 144

Reps. Tate and DeBoer offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the United States Congress to ensure
2 continued funding for the Federal TRIO programs.

3 Whereas, The Federal TRIO programs "provide academic tutoring,
4 personal counseling, mentoring, financial guidance, and other
5 supports necessary for educational access and retention" to help
6 low-income, first-generation, and disabled participants overcome
7 barriers to college access and success. The Federal TRIO programs
8 are made up of eight different programs serving pre-college,
9 college-going learners, and professionals across all 50 states.

10 These programs include the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate
11 Achievement Program, which prepares students for doctoral studies;
12 Talent Search, which educates middle and high school students about
13 the college admissions and financial aid processes; Educational
14 Opportunity Centers, which support adult learners in accessing

1 post-secondary education and career-planning; Student Support
2 Services, which focus on college persistence with advising and
3 academic support; Upward Bound, which prepares high school students
4 for college through academic support and enrichment; Upward Bound
5 Math-Science, which focuses on STEM fields for students with an
6 interest in math and science; Veterans Upward Bound, which assists
7 veterans with the transition to college; and a Training Program for
8 Federal TRIO Programs Staff; and

9 Whereas, Under federal law, all TRIO programs require all
10 participants to demonstrate a need for academic support to pursue
11 education beyond secondary school. Program eligibility is
12 primarily based on low-income status, being a first-generation
13 college student, or having a disability. In fiscal year 2024, TRIO
14 programs were funded at 1.191 billion dollars and served more than
15 880,000 participants, including 6,000 United States veterans; and

16 Whereas, President Trump's fiscal year 2026 Budget Request
17 cuts all funding from the TRIO programs and calls for their
18 elimination. This proposal, if enacted, would significantly impact
19 millions of low-income, first-generation, and disabled participants
20 who rely on the services offered by these programs to access and
21 succeed in postsecondary education; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
23 United States Congress to ensure continued funding for the Federal
24 TRIO programs; and be it further

25 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
26 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
27 Leader of the United States Senate, and the Michigan congressional
28 delegation.