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Dear President Jones, President Johnson, and President Bruce,

As you know, ITT Technical Institutes (ITT) shut down all of its campuses on September 6, 2016, impacting 45,000 students nationwide, including 2,000 enrolled in the state of Ohio. ITT had two schools operating in my Congressional District, and my constituents have shared with me their frustration and fear of the current situation. Overnight many students' planned path to graduation and future employment ended, and they were left with very little information and guidance. There is no doubt that we owe it to these men and women to make sure they are given every opportunity to graduate and succeed. Northeast Ohio is home to some of the best educational institutions in the country and it is up to us to help fill the void for these struggling students.

I am writing to encourage our Ohio colleges to establish a clear path for students to continue their education by providing expedited access to student records, transcripts, and a road map to help students navigate the credit transfer process. These students have dedicated their hard earned money and time to create a better future for themselves and families. They simply want their education without the risk of starting over or losing their invested time and resources. As leaders, I know you understand the importance of education, and I hope you will join with me in doing everything we can to help create a seamless transition for these students. We must all work together to make sure that no students falls through the gap.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. If you have any questions, please contact my Washington DC office at 202-225-5261 or Warren Office at 330-373-0074.

Sincerely,

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