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Rep. Wild Voices Concerns Over Delayed FAFSA Rollout, Asks Department of Education for Answers

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Representative Susan Wild, a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, along with 70 of her colleagues, voiced their concerns on the delayed rollout of this year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). In their letter, the Members of Congress also requested the Department of Education provide answers to questions raised by families and students across the nation and clarity on the timeline.

"For many students in our community and across the country, the FAFSA is the first step to make higher education more affordable and accessible," said Congresswoman Susan Wild. "I've heard from families and colleges in the Lehigh Valley about the strain FAFSA delays have already had on them, and I'm deeply concerned that additional delays will negatively impact those most in need of aid. I'm urging the Department of Education to do everything it can to support our students and institutions of higher education."

In their letter, the lawmakers write, "We write today to ask for more clarity on how the Department plans to communicate any further delays in FAFSA processing, and how the Department intends to minimize the potential impact on students and families so they can make the most informed decision possible about their futures, including through providing prompt, clear timelines."

Approximately 17 million students fill out the FAFSA each year. As a result of the FAFSA Simplification Act, which was signed into law in 2021, the Department of Education streamlined the application process and updated formulas used to assess students' financial need. The Department of Education estimates that these updates will allow 1.5 million more students from low-income backgrounds to be eligible for the maximum Pell Grant award.



Rep. Susan Wild Calls on Congress to Support Ukraine

Yesterday, I joined a bipartisan group of my colleagues in the Congressional Ukraine Caucus to mark the upcoming two-year anniversary of Russia's unjustified invasion of Ukraine. I'm proud to represent the vibrant Ukrainian-American community in the Greater Lehigh Valley – one of the largest in our nation.

When war first broke out in Ukraine, I assured our community they had an unwavering ally in me. Now, as we approach two years of this senseless violence and pain, I remain just as committed to ensuring we defend democracy and freedom for the Ukrainian people. I'm working to help return kidnapped children to their families, to hold Russia accountable for their actions, and to provide additional funding to Ukraine. To hear my full remarks, click here.