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**NAGAP Expresses Disappointment at Supreme Court's Decision to End Affirmative Action in College Admissions**

NEW YORK, NY – NAGAP, The Association for Graduate Enrollment Management, has advocated for decades for diversity, equity, and inclusion in graduate education. As an association, we are profoundly disappointed in the recent decision by the Supreme Court to end affirmative action in college admissions. This ruling represents a setback in our ongoing efforts to promote the value of diversity and inclusivity in higher education institutions across the nation.

Affirmative action has been a critical tool in addressing historical disadvantages faced by underrepresented communities, ensuring a level playing field and opening doors of opportunity for students from marginalized backgrounds. By taking into account an applicant's race or ethnicity as one factor among many, colleges and universities have been able to assemble diverse student bodies that enrich the educational experience for all and prepare graduates for success in an increasingly diverse society.

We firmly believe that diversity is not just a desirable goal but a necessary one. Students benefit from exposure to diverse perspectives, experiences, and ideas, fostering empathy, critical thinking, and collaboration skills that are essential for success in today's interconnected world. Removing affirmative action as a consideration in college admissions perpetuates systemic inequalities that persist in our society. Studies have shown that affirmative action policies have a positive impact on campus climate and contribute to the success of students from underrepresented backgrounds.

While we respect the Supreme Court's authority and acknowledge the complexity of the issues at hand, we urge policymakers and educational leaders to reevaluate the decision and explore alternative approaches to promoting diversity and equal access to education. It is essential to pursue inclusive

admissions policies that recognize the inherent value of diversity and foster an environment where all students have an equal opportunity to thrive.

As the leader in graduate enrollment management, NAGAP remains committed to championing diversity, inclusivity, and equal opportunities in education. We will continue to work tirelessly to promote policies that ensure fair access to higher education for all individuals, irrespective of their race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background. We encourage individuals and organizations who share our vision to join us in this important fight for equality.

For more information about NAGAP and our initiatives, please visit [www.nagap.org](http://www.nagap.org).

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NAGAP, The Association for Graduate Enrollment Management, is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to the concerns of individuals working in the Graduate Enrollment Management context. Our mission is to engage and advance Graduate Enrollment Management professionals by promoting excellence and collaboration through education, research, and professional development.