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Invitation to Speak at an Event

Dear Representative/Senator xxx,

I am contacting you today on behalf of the Washington Student Engagement Networks (WA-SEN).

As you know, WA-SEN was launched in 2017 and is a statewide network of college students across 50+ campuses (the public 2-year community colleges, the public 4-year baccalaureate institutions, and the private not-for-profit college and universities) who are actively sharing their stories with legislators and helping other students do the same. Our engagement priorities are set in partnership with the College Promise Coalition every year.

We are writing today to invite you to our annual virtual Fall Summit. There you will meet students who are passionate about access to education, civic engagement through the legislative process, and advocating for equitable education. **We believe your work with the legislature would enhance this student event!**

Most of the students we bring together are new to the legislative process. The agenda is still taking shape and the date is **Saturday, November 4, 2023**. This year's summit theme is: Not a Privilege, But a Right – Your Voice, Your Story, Your Power
New this year, the students are planning a virtual town hall-like setting focused on education and we believe you have the expertise to inspire these future civically minded leaders.

The placeholder for the town hall session is tentatively from 11:30 am-12:30 pm. Would you be available to join us? The questions students will ask will be centered around education and shared in advance. Topics that have surfaced in recent gatherings include housing affordability, safety and wellbeing, and barriers to student sustainability.

Since our group represents all 50+ campuses across the state, representation on both sides of the aisle from the House and the Senate and geographic representation is important to us.

Our Summit Objectives:

- Empower and excite students in the lifelong benefits of civic engagement.
- Share student experiences and stories that bring issues to life for legislators.
- Mobilize and inspire all students in effective coalition building, leading through a racial equity and justice lens.

We welcome the opportunity to share more about the agenda as it takes shape and hope you can join us. In the meantime, I welcome the opportunity to speak with you or your LA via phone/email to see if I can answer any questions so we can firm up the virtual town hall with legislators this year. Thank you for your consideration and reply!

Sincerely,
Team WA-SEN