



February 1st, 2010

The Honorable < **Name of Legislator** >
< **Office number & Building** >
Washington, DC 20515

Dear < **Senator or Representative** >:

On behalf of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students (NAGPS), we are writing to request the chance to meet with you on February 25th or 26th, 2010.

The Association is an educational organization which exists to share information among existing graduate/professional student organizations, foster the development and growth of organizations, and further the interests of graduate/professional students. These goals are accomplished through a collection of elected officers and standing committees.

Many of NAGPS's efforts relate to internal dialogue within the membership to promote best practices and help develop effective graduate student associations at each University. These efforts take the form of annual regional and national conferences. In addition to fostering growth within the graduate and professional student community, NAGPS participates in national advocacy efforts in coalition with other graduate student governments across the country.

During our meetings with you, we would like to present our views on several policy issues currently affecting graduate students, including:

- Open access to federally-funded research
- Tax-exempt benefits for graduate students
- Visa reform for U.S. educated graduate students

We look forward to your response with regards to our meeting request.

Sincerely,

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