

April 27, 2018

Tim M. Hofferth, Chairman (via email)
SC Commission on Higher Education
1122 Lady Street, Suite 300
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Dear Mr. Hofferth:

We write to you today as members of the Council of Presidents to ask you and the CHE Commissioners to please “pause” on the Student Bill of Rights. For a Bill of Rights to be discussed without any input from the institutions who actually have daily dialogue with students is perplexing and unfortunate.

We are not against the Bill of Rights per se, but we would like the opportunity for conversation and suggestions. For instance, how can any Student Bill of Rights not include the need for sustainable State funding?

We are not sure why this issue needs to be rushed. Please reconsider voting on this tomorrow and allow us the opportunity to understand the reasons for its existence and to be a part of anything that moves forward.

We all look forward to working more closely with you as we strive to improve access, affordability and quality in our colleges and universities.

Sincerely,

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