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Washington, DC 20548

July 12, 2016

The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
Ranking Member, Committee on Education and the Workforce
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of July 1, 2016, jointly signed by a number of your colleagues, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the financial needs and challenges that Historically Black Colleges and Universities face in obtaining funding for capital projects.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about three months. Your request has been assigned to Ms. Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security. Closer to the time GAO can start the engagement, Ms. Bovbjerg or a member of her team will contact your office to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have a question, please contact Ms. Bovbjerg at 202-512-5491 or bovbjergb@gao.gov, or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-7176 or lewisd@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Siggerud".

Katherine Siggerud
Managing Director
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