

SAMPLE THANK YOU EMAIL

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Subject: Thank you 3/17 and requests

CC or BCC: grassroots@nafsa.org

Dear [congressional staffer name],

Thank you again for meeting with me as part of NAFSA's Advocacy Day on March 17. I greatly appreciated you taking the time to discuss our issues.

1. As we discussed, will [Senator/Representative insert last name] **support legislation that removes barriers to international students and scholars to studying, working, and living in the United States and for preserving the duration of status policy and practical training programs that are so important to international students' educational experience in the U.S.?** **NOTE: if your senator is Republican, add this line: Would the senator be willing to reach out to the administration to advocate for protecting duration of status and practical training?**
2. **For your representative only:** I also request that [Representative insert last name] **cosponsor H.R. 5971, the Case Backlog and Transparency Act of 2020.** This bill would help to address severe application backlogs at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services that are negatively impacting international students, scholars, and their families.
3. **If the representative/senator is not a Simon bill cosponsor:** Finally, I ask the [senator/representative] to **cosponsor the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act.** Currently, less than 2% of American college students study abroad each year and only 10% of students study abroad before they graduate. This bill would help close that gap so more students get the global skills they need to compete and thrive in today's global economy.

If the representative/senator is a Simon bill cosponsor: Again, I thank [Senator/Representative] for [his/her] support of the Senator Paul Simon Study Abroad Program Act. **Let me know if there is any way we can work together** to move this important bill forward.

Please let me know if you have any questions. You can find additional policy materials about international students at www.nafsa.org/internationalstudents and study abroad at www.nafsa.org/studyabroad. I look forward to keeping in touch with you on how we can work together on these important issues.

Thank you,
[your name and contact info]