

December 3, 2001

The Honorable Gaston Caperton, President  
The College Board  
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Washington, DC 20036-2304

Dear Governor Caperton:

I am pleased to accept your invitation to serve on the College Board's National Blue Ribbon Student Financial Aid Panel.

I commend the College Board for convening this panel. Student financial aid should not be a barrier to higher education. We must all do all that we can to ensure affordable and efficient access to higher education for our students.

Please direct all correspondence regarding the National Blue Ribbon Student Financial Aid Panel to Kelly Riley of my staff. Thank you again for your invitation. I am looking forward to working with you on this important endeavor.

Very truly yours,

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