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RE: American Mathematical Society Response to Department of Education consultation on areas of national need

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Dear Dr. Miller,

The American Mathematical Society (AMS) applauds the inclusion the mathematical sciences in the Secretary's proposed areas of national need for fiscal year 2024.

Within the mathematical sciences community, the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) Program has been immensely impactful. In most mathematical sciences graduate programs, students must teach undergraduate courses in exchange for stipends and tuition. Graduate students rarely receive financial support for work that directly relates to degree completion. Thus, the GAANN Program offers students unique opportunities to focus on progressing through graduate programs. Unfortunately, the mathematical sciences were not designated as an area of national need in the last few funding cycles for GAANN.

Founded in 1888, AMS is dedicated to advancing the interests of mathematical research and scholarship and connecting the diverse global mathematics community. The AMS has approximately 30,000 individual members worldwide and supports mathematical scientists at every career stage.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the GAANN Program.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Saxe".

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