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## Press Release: ACCSC's Executive Director Testifies in Congress on Role of Accreditation

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With an increase in Congressional interest in ensuring the strength of accreditation as a gatekeeper to Title IV funds, the House Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Training hosted a hearing on June 13, 2013 entitled, “**Keeping College Within Reach: Discussing Program Quality Through Accreditation**” which provided members of the Subcommittee with an opportunity to explore a variety of proposals to strengthen accreditation and its gatekeeping role, as well as to discuss alternative models. At the behest of the subcommittee, ACCSC's Executive Director, Dr. Michale McComis, accepted an invitation to provide testimony at the hearing.

### Useful Links

- [Testimony of Dr. Michale McComis, ACCSC's Executive Director](#)
- [Opening Statement of Subcommittee Chair Rep. Virginia Foxx](#)
- [Webcast of Hearing](#)

As the ACCSC membership is well aware, the Commission has engaged in a sustained effort to be a leading voice in the accreditation community, to remain at the forefront of establishing and advancing quality education, and to take advantage of opportunities at the state and federal level to speak out on the role and strengths of accreditation.

ACCSC looks forward to the opportunity to discuss options with Congressional policy-makers that will help to ensure responsible and appropriate proposals to strengthen accreditation and its continued role as a gatekeeper in the higher education regulatory landscape.