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With a heavy heart, I am passing along the crushing news that our friend and colleague, Cyndy Littlefield, died this morning. She has been a bedrock of CEF's work for decades, taught many people how to be an effective education lobbyist, and was a great friend. Below is a message sent just now by Terry Hartle of the American Council on Education.

Once again, I find myself writing to share sad news about one of our colleagues.

Cyndy Littlefield died unexpectedly this morning at her home. As most of you know, Cyndy has been battling health issues for several years and today she lost the fight.

Cyndy was an amazingly unique individual. Nobody surpassed the commitment, passion and energy she brought to higher education policy. She was obviously first and foremost (perhaps I should say FIRST AND FOREMOST) devoted to Jesuit Colleges and Universities but she was dedicated to the entire higher education community in all its rich diversity and to all the students we serve. She never met a federal student aid program that she didn't like and she was willing to lobby for them all. And then there was her wonderful and delightful sense of humor that often added enormous joy to our various gatherings. And best of all, Cyndy was a dear, kind and caring friend and colleague.

American higher education has lost a forceful and successful advocate and all of us have lost a friend.

I will pass along any information I receive about a memorial service.

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