May 27, 2010

The Honorable David Obey  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2314 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC  20515

Dear Chairman Obey:

On behalf of the higher education institutions and associations listed below, representing students, parents, faculty, administrators and college presidents, we write to thank you for providing $5.7 billion to retire the current Pell Grant shortfall in the FY2010 supplemental appropriations bill before your committee.

As you know well, this funding is critical to maintaining the award levels Congress has promised America’s students, and is vital to low-income students seeking to earn their college degrees. By retiring the shortfall, this bill will ensure that nearly nine million deserving students will not enter the next academic year with a cut to their financial aid.

Our organizations will work hard to ensure that all members of the House and Senate understand the significance of this funding and will urge them to support its passage. We greatly appreciate your sincere commitment to students and their families, and your efforts to ensure that all students, regardless of income, receive an equal opportunity to pursue a higher education.

Sincerely,

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