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Dear Chairman McCain:

On behalf of the Association of American Universities, which represents 60 leading research universities in the United States, I write to support President Bush’s nomination of Dr. Charles McQueary for the position of Undersecretary for Science and Technology in the new Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

Dr. McQueary possesses the credentials and background required to fulfill successfully the duties of this important position within the new DHS. He has a strong science, engineering and technical background, impressive management experience, and is well regarded in the academic and scientific communities. We look forward to working with Dr. McQueary in his new role, particularly regarding ways in which investments in the basic and applied science and research infrastructure can help to combat terrorism and ensure our homeland security, both now and into the future.

Based on his strong qualifications, the AAU urges you, the members the Commerce Committee and the entire membership of the U.S. Senate, to vote to approve Dr. McQueary’s nomination.

Cordially,

Nils Hasselmo
President

Cc: The Honorable Ernest F. Hollings, Ranking Member
    Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
    The Honorable Thomas J. Ridge, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security