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AAU STATEMENT ON HOUSE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

Following is a statement by Robert M. Berdahl, President of the Association of American Universities (AAU), on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill announced today by the House Appropriations Committee.

On behalf of 60 of the nation's leading research universities, I want to commend House leaders, as well as President-elect Obama, for recognizing the critical role that science and higher education must play in both short-term recovery and long-term economic growth.

These proposed investments in research, in students, and in infrastructure will not only create jobs right away but also jump-start the nation's effort to produce more of the people, ideas, and technologies that will help build a foundation for energy security, a cleaner environment, and ultimately a sustainable prosperity.

Many of these provisions reflect [suggestions made by AAU](#) and other higher education as well as business organizations.

I want to thank the President-elect for the extensive consultations conducted by his transition team, and I want to thank Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Chairman David Obey for crafting a proposal that can accomplish so much for our country.

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