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The Honorable Todd Young 400 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Tammy Baldwin 709 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senators Young and Baldwin:

On behalf of the Association of American Universities, an organization that includes 60 leading U.S. research universities, I thank you for introducing the Advancing International and Foreign Language Education Act today. We are immensely pleased to see so many of our community's recommendations included in this legislation and are grateful for your leadership on this important issue.

The Department of Education's Title VI programs are the federal government's most comprehensive programs for developing our national capacity in international and foreign language education. We are proud of the work our universities are doing in this field, and will continue to do, at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. Graduates of these programs educate thousands of students, teachers, policymakers, military and diplomatic officials, faculty, and the general public, as well as engage in diplomatic missions in areas of strategic national importance. Your legislation ensures continued support for these efforts within the Department.

Thank you once more for your work to reauthorize Title VI programs and ensuring they continue to contribute effectively to our nation's long-term security, global leadership, and economic competitiveness.

Sincerely,

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