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The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
House Education and Labor Committee
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-6100

Dear Chairman Miller:

On behalf of more than 430 public four-year colleges and universities, I write to strongly support H.J. Resolution 20, which among other critical education funding increases, boosts the maximum Pell Grant award by \$260—from \$4,050 to \$4,310.

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) urges passage of H.J. Resolution 20 and will support efforts in the Senate to pass this legislation with the same commitment to increasing the Pell Grant maximum. After four years of a frozen Pell Grant maximum award, this increase will come as a welcome relief to the more than one million Pell Grant recipients who attend public four-year institutions.

We understand that the current federal budget environment is tough. AASCU joins with all those who advocate for access and affordability in higher education in commending Congress for making access to a more affordable college education for students, in the most financial need, a funding priority for fiscal year 2007.

As you consider future funding legislation, we look forward to the opportunity to support continued efforts by the House and the Senate to make college more affordable and accessible for the lowest income students and families.

Once again, thank you for including college students and their families in your fiscal year 2007 funding priorities.

Sincerely,

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