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The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey:

I write on behalf of the Coalition for International Education to extend our sincere thanks for the \$9.9 million funding increase for HEA-Title VI and Fulbright-Hays international and foreign language education programs in FY 2008.

The 9.4 percent increase comes at a critical time of global challenges to our nation and its leadership. The additional funds will enhance the training of Americans in foreign languages, cultures and international business who can offer their skills to the government, the private sector, educational institutions and the media, and who can further mutual understanding across cultures on our behalf.

Our community widely recognizes and deeply appreciates your longtime and continuing leadership on international education programs.

Sincerely,

David Ward
President

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cc: Cheryl Smith

On behalf of:

Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange

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