

American Council on Education



Office of the President

January 27, 2009

U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the undersigned associations, representing the full spectrum of American higher education, I write in support of H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. H.R. 1 provides investments that are critical to our immediate economic recovery needs as well as long-term economic growth, and we urge your support of this important legislation.

H.R. 1 contains numerous provisions that will strengthen our country's human capital and physical infrastructure, and aid in both short- and long-term job creation. We are pleased by efforts to improve access to higher education during these trying economic times, such as provisions to increase the maximum Pell Grant award, provide additional Federal Work-Study funding, raise student loan limits, and expand education tax benefits. We are also pleased by the inclusion of infrastructure funding to support shovel-ready projects at public and private colleges and funding to support scientific research and facilities. Institutions of higher education are often the largest employer in their respective region and the underpinning of the local economy, and these investments will have an immediate and positive impact on job creation efforts.

Not only will these provisions provide a near-term benefit of sustaining and creating jobs, as in the case of the infrastructure provisions, or relieving stress on family finances and creating an alternative to unemployment, as in the case of Pell Grants, but they represent a solid investment in the future prosperity of our country as well.

We commend Speaker Pelosi and the House Appropriations and House Ways and Means Committee members on their efforts to craft this stimulus package and their inclusion of provisions critical to our country's short-term recovery as well as our long-term prosperity. We urge you to vote in favor of this legislation when it comes before the full House later this week.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly C. Broad". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Molly Corbett Broad  
President

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On behalf of:  
ACPA - College Student Educators International

ACT, Inc.

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education

American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers

American Association of Community Colleges

American Association of State Colleges and Universities

American Association of University Professors

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American Dental Education Association

APPA: Leadership in Educational Facilities

Association of American Universities

Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities

Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges

Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities

Association of Research Libraries

College and University Professional Association for Human Resources

College Board

Council for Advancement and Support of Education

Council for Christian Colleges & Universities

Council of Graduate Schools

Council of Independent Colleges

Educational Testing Service

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Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities

NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education

National Association for College Admission Counseling

National Association of College and University Business Officers

National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities

National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges

National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

National Collegiate Athletic Association

University Continuing Education Association

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