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Dear Education Partners:

I am pleased to submit to you the FY 2006 Federal Priorities collection on behalf of the University of Wisconsin System. We are proud of our efforts to provide high-quality public higher education to students in Wisconsin, and we are grateful for the role our federal congressional delegation plays in our success. The federal government's investment in public higher education is essential to our mission.

The UW System's FY 2006 priorities fall into five categories, as follows:

Key Federal Funds: This category describes the federal programs for which UW System institutions effectively compete. Financial aid plays a significant role in enabling individuals to pursue a higher education in our state. In 2003-04, almost five of every six, or 81 percent, of financial aid dollars to UW students were provided or underwritten through a federal program.

Key Legislative Initiatives: The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act during the 1st Session of the 109th Congress is very important to UW institutions and students. The vast majority of need-based student financial aid programs, as well as specific academic programs, are contained in the act.

UW System Priorities and Campus Priorities: UW institutions have submitted for consideration many worthy requests for federal funding. Importantly, several of the requests will promote economic development in Wisconsin. Specifically, they will focus on workforce development, training nurse educators, professional development for educators and rural development. The requests also will help in a growing area of interest: meeting the nation's call to protect the country's infrastructure and security.

UW System Data: The included funding data demonstrate the importance of federal investment in each of our University of Wisconsin System institutions.

The University of Wisconsin System looks forward to continued collaborations and partnerships with the federal government, and to using the university's expertise and resources to solve state and national needs with energy, enthusiasm, and commitment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin P. Reilly".

Kevin P. Reilly
President