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Dear Education Partner:

I am pleased to submit to you the FY2008 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. We are grateful for the federal government investment that allows fulfillment of our mission – to teach students, engage in research of national significance, and extend the university's reach through public service. The UW System's FY2008 priorities fall into four categories, as follows:

Key Federal Funds: This category describes the majority of the federal funding that our institutions receive, and budget priorities for research and financial aid. Almost four of every five, or 77 percent, of financial aid dollars to UW students are provided or underwritten through a federal program. The Pell Grant program provides almost \$63 million to approximately 26,000 students who, without this assistance, might not enroll or remain in institutions of higher education.

Key Legislative Initiatives: The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act continues to be a priority for UW institutions in the 110th Congress. Other high priorities include the 2007 reauthorization of the Farm Bill and policies that improve basic and applied scientific research and education activities and programs for undergraduate and graduate students.

UW System Priorities and Campus Priorities: UW institutions have submitted many worthy requests for federal funding. Several of the requests will improve access to, and the quality of, postsecondary education. Many requests will promote economic development in Wisconsin, and several others will also help grow research capacity in areas of state and national interest.

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

As you look ahead to the 1st session of the 110th Congress, please feel free to contact Kris Andrews, Assistant Vice President of Federal Relations, for information about or assistance from the University of Wisconsin System. You can contact Kris by phone at 608-263-3362 or by email at kandrews@uwsa.edu. You can also access the FY2008 Federal Priorities online at <http://www.uwsa.edu/govrel/federal.htm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin P. Reilly".

Kevin P. Reilly
President