January 6, 2016

The Honorable Mark Pocan
Member of Congress
313 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Congressman Pocan:

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin System and its 180,000 students, we write to say “thank you” for your leadership to extend the Federal Perkins Loan Program.

Extension of the program represents a major victory for students and families who have come to rely on Perkins loans as part of the array of financial aid support that makes the pursuit and attainment of a UW System degree a reality. Approximately 16,000 UW System students benefit annually from $29 million in Perkins loans. They now know that, for at least another two years, they can count on this program to propel them in their academic journeys.

We appreciate the totality of the national effort it took to preserve the program, and are grateful to you for your perseverance and determination to find a resolution that will make a difference in the lives of thousands of UW students.

Sincerely,

Ray Cross
President