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The Honorable George Miller
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

The University of California, with more than 220,000 students on ten campuses, supports the "Health Care and Education Affordability Reconciliation Act of 2010" and the student loan reforms and Pell Grant increases outlined in this bill. This legislation will secure savings of approximately \$61 billion by converting all new federal student loans to the Direct Loan program and target most of this savings to stabilize the Pell Grant program and guarantee annual increases for inflation.

UC enrolls a higher percentage of Pell Grant recipients than any other similarly selective public or private research institution. In academic year 2008-2009, more than 55,000 undergraduates received Pell Grants totaling more than \$200 million, and these numbers will continue to grow. The investment in education in this bill is critical to assure that quality educational opportunities are available to students from low-income families. In addition, by making higher education a national priority, this legislation will help make our economy strong and improve America's competitiveness.

The University urges your support for this legislation, which makes sound economic sense and will provide significant benefits to America's students.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark G. Yudof".

Mark G. Yudof
President