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June 24, 2010

The Honorable David Wu
U.S. House of Representatives
2338 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Wu,

On behalf of the Coalition of Urban Serving Universities (USU), we are writing to thank you for introducing the Urban University Renaissance Act of the 21st Century (H.R 5567). USU greatly appreciates your continued commitment to urban universities.

As you know, urban areas face many challenges and opportunities unique to cities, and urban universities are distinctly positioned with a broad range of skills and resources – intellectual, human, technological, and social – to engage in these issues. This federal investment in urban universities will scale up innovative efforts around education, neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and health to provide a greater national impact on strengthening metropolitan prosperity.

Again, we thank you for your vision and leadership in advancing the importance of supporting universities as anchor institutions in our communities. As a network of public urban research universities that represents every region of our country, USU members will garner additional cosponsors with our respective congressional delegations. We look forward to working with you on identifying legislative vehicles to attach and move individual pieces of the Urban University Renaissance Act. Through this and similar endeavors to tie urban universities to their communities, we will continue to bolster our nation's economic competitiveness and make our cities great places to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy L. Zimpher". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Nancy L. Zimpher
Chair, Coalition of Urban Serving Universities
Chancellor, State University of New York