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## **Economic Recovery Includes Investment in Student Aid**

“We appreciate conferees’ recognition of the importance of college access for a sustained economic recovery. Increasing the value of the Pell Grant will help build the skilled, educated workforce our nation needs for a prosperous future, while injecting cash quickly into the economy. Pell Grants go directly to students who need them to pay for books, supplies and other costs of college and job training. Work-Study funds will create jobs and give students valuable experience while helping them meet college costs and limit borrowing. Making the Hope Tax Credit partially refundable will also help more low- and middle-income families cover tuition and textbook costs. Together, these investments are good news for students and families struggling to afford college, and for our economy.”

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