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STATEMENT ON ADMINISTRATION'S PELL GRANT PROPOSAL

“We applaud the Administration for putting forward a comprehensive proposal to strengthen Pell Grants, to help more low- and moderate-income students go to college and graduate without burdensome debt. It ensures that the maximum Pell Grant keeps up with inflation and encourages colleges to serve Pell recipients well by rewarding good student outcomes. It includes two new elements that make Pell Grants available to some students during the summer and provide a bonus for students who take 15 or more credits per term.

“It is critical that dollars invested are dollars well spent. We look forward to working with Congress and the Administration to make Pell Grants even more effective by drawing on current research and analysis of what works and carefully crafting changes to avoid unintended consequences.”

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