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To the Michigan Congressional Delegation,

We are writing to encourage you to take a leadership role in enacting the proposal to double the Pell Grant maximum award and to ensure that the increase is permanent. No greater step could be taken to increase access and success for the nearly 174,000 Pell Grant students who attend Michigan's postsecondary institutions each year.

The most important step Congress can take to make college possible for low-income and first-generation college students is to double the Pell Grant. Pell Grants are the largest education funding mechanism for low-income families, targeting financial education support to the neediest and having the largest impact on developing our communities and workforce. Expanding the grant would also ensure that more working-class families are served through the program.

As Michigan's representatives in Congress, we know you are aware of how integral this program is to our state's college students. This year, the program will provide nearly \$680 million to help needy students attend college in our state. The impact this program has had on Michigan and our nation's system of higher education is without compare as countless students have been able to access higher education who otherwise would not have had the opportunity.

This letter comes to you from all of Michigan's college and university presidents representing public and private, nonprofit institutions across our state. We come together in support of this essential effort that will support students for generations to come. We believe that doubling the Pell Grant will help our nation, our students, our educators, and ultimately, our state's overall economic, civic, and social wellbeing.

We, the higher education leaders in Michigan, stand ready to assist you in this collective effort to ensure this program can continue to transform the lives of the students we serve.

Sincerely,

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