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Senator Robert C. Byrd, Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations
The Capitol, S-131
Washington, DC 20510

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The American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA), AFL-CIO is the international union of education leaders, representing over 20,000 school principals, assistant principals, supervisors and education professionals throughout the nation, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.

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I am contacting you today to thank you and the committee for your work on the 302(b) allocations for Fiscal Year 2009. In particular, I want to thank you for your remarks in the June 19th press release. The President's fiscal 2009 budget request was wholly inadequate and certainly not reflective of this country's priorities. An increase in discretionary spending was desperately needed and the Senate Appropriations Committee's vote on June 19, 2008 provided that necessary increase. Your recent statements certainly demonstrate that you understand the dire need for these increases.

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I am extremely pleased that education and labor programs' allocations will increase over last year's budget. The 302(b) allocations provide for much needed funding for these programs that are vital to the well-being and future prosperity of our nation. I thank you again for the committee's work and ask that you continue with your high regard "for funding for our children, for the elderly, for health care, and for job training."

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Sincerely,

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