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For Your Consideration

Support the Fulbright Program at $300 million for FY 2021
($28m over $272m for FY 2020; FY 2019 was $271.5m)

Rationale for Increased Funding

Ten years of flat funding have lowered the value of the Fulbright Program by 21%. We must stop falling behind. An increase in America’s Fulbright investment will...

- Restore global leadership ceded to China and countries that fund other exchanges
- Strengthen 49 critical alliances with countries that contribute another $100m
- Ensure the geographic and economic diversity of applicants that otherwise could not afford to accept a poorly funded grant
- Widen the global reach of Fulbrighters, spreading impact to more locations

Note: The Administration Budget cuts Fulbright by $151m (56%) to $121m for FY21

Fulbright is an Effective Investment for America

1) Strengthens national security by building goodwill and respect in 160 countries
2) Brings financial and educational resources to communities across America
3) Has a lasting impact through a network of 390,000 alumni worldwide

Fulbright and National Security

- **Alliances:** Builds strategic relationships with friends, allies and trade partners: Afghanistan, China, Egypt, Germany, Iraq, Israel, Japan, Jordan, Mexico, Pakistan, South Korea, Taiwan
- **Leadership:** 4 current (Afghanistan, Guyana, Malawi, and Spain) and 33 former heads of state are Fulbrighters, as are ministers and ambassadors worldwide. This network allows for U.S.-friendly responses to global crises like pandemics.
- **Expertise:** Visiting Fulbrighters teach critical languages (e.g., Arabic, Farsi, Mandarin, Russian, Pashto, Urdu) and area studies at U.S. universities, HBCUs and MSIs that would not otherwise have this resource; U.S. grantees teach English worldwide
- **Diplomacy:** U.S. Ambassadors and military leaders consider Fulbright a crucial diplomatic and strategic tool to advance American interests