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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