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Chairman Lungren, Ranking Member Brady, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear with Senior Democratic Member Miller to testify in support of our joint budget request for the 112th Congress.

I would like to thank Mr. Miller for his support of our overall request, and in keeping with his practice during his tenure as Chairman, I am pleased to provide the Minority staff with autonomy over their allotted 1/3 share of committee funding and resources, including staff slots.

In the 111th Congress, our Committee was allocated $17,571, 062. With the exception of shared staff and technology resources, 2/3 of this total was provided to the Majority, and 1/3 was provided to the Minority. In recognition of the budgetary challenges facing Congress

and the nation, we respectfully request $16,692,508 for the 112th Congress, which reflects a 5 percent reduction in our allocation from the last Congress.

Our Committee anticipates a vigorous legislative schedule this year as we address the impending need to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and work to provide the necessary education and training opportunities to ensure our nation's workforce is prepared to succeed in the global economy. We believe the funds we are requesting will enable us to carry out our ambitious agenda and fulfill our responsibilities to this Congress and the people of the United States.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I appreciate your time and would be happy to answer any questions.