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Dear Ms. Rasco:

I am writing on behalf of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) and the more than two million researchers and teachers of the Intersociety Group on Educational Research (IGER, roster enclosed) to congratulate President Clinton for his recently released economic plan. By presenting a plan which both balances the budget and emphasizes key national priorities such as education and research, President Clinton has demonstrated to Congress and the American people that fiscal responsibility can be achieved without sacrificing important investments.

The members of AERA and IGER are most concerned with the continuation of a strong federal investment in education research. Research to improve teaching and learning methods and provide for a better educated and trained student and worker is vital to our nation's future. Yet, while industry commits major R&D resources to product development, only the federal government commits resources to improve the development of human capital through education research.

President Clinton furthered this necessary federal role by increasing the Department of Education's research budget by 12% for fiscal year 1996. The current economic plan builds on that proposal by increasing funding for education, behavioral research at NIH, and basic research and education programs at NSF. Because education research combines these two priorities, it provides an effective example of the President's commitment to education and research. Speaker Gingrich recently spoke in support of education research. When asked about the federal role in education before the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in February, Speaker Gingrich responded positively: "... there is a research and development function for the Federal Government." Like the Speaker, we believe that education research would be an effective function for the President to cite in demonstrating the priorities of his economic plan and the federal government.

The members of AERA and IGER hope that President Clinton will maintain his support for educational research, providing valuable assistance to the local reform and improvement effort.

Sincerely,

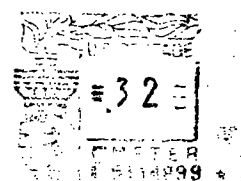
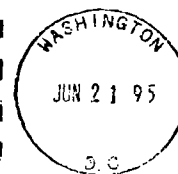
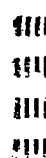
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