

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 17, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$180,200,000 for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The details of this proposal are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur in his comments and observations.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Gerald R. Ford".



EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

February 17, 1976

The President

The White House

Sir:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a proposed fiscal year 1976 supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$180,200,000 for the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

OFFICE OF EDUCATION

HIGHER EDUCATION

For an additional amount for "Higher education", \$180,200,000, to remain available through September 30, 1977.

This supplemental request would replace 1976 funds appropriated for the 1976-1977 academic year which the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare has asked the appropriations committees' permission to reprogram to meet urgent funding needs for the Basic educational opportunity grant program for the 1975-1976 academic year. Experience through December 1975 indicates that the student participation rate in this program is 18 percent higher than was originally anticipated. As a result, this program will require an additional \$180.2 million if all awards for the current academic year are to be made.

I have carefully reviewed this budget request and I am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. I recommend, therefore, that this proposal be transmitted to the Congress.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James T. Lynn", written in a cursive style.

James T. Lynn
Director