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## Higher Education Partnership Supports Ford Bill on PACT

Montgomery, Alabama- May 14, 2009 – The Higher Education Partnership has consistently maintained the position that the Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program provides a worthy opportunity for the citizens of Alabama. In addition, the Partnership recognizes the desire of many Alabama leaders to provide assistance to the PACT program during the downturn in the economy.

With the House of Representatives passing the PACT bill drafted by Representative Craig Ford and moving it to the Senate, this legislation has an opportunity to satisfy the needs of leaders that want to assist PACT. Furthermore, it accomplishes this goal without negatively impacting any of the current programs supported by the Education Trust Fund.

Realizing that this specific legislation does assist the PACT program and provides additional time for a greater understanding of the depth of the concern about PACT, the Higher Education Partnership supports the bill.

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