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Now is Time for Congress to Serve Nation *Association of Academic Health Centers Calls for Override of Bush Veto*

WASHINGTON, November 14 - "This is not the time to undermine the health and educational infrastructure that is vitally important to sustain the nation for the future," said Dr. Steven A. Wartman, president and CEO of the Association of Academic Health Centers in response to President Bush's veto of the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations bill yesterday.

"Serving the critical needs of the American people is not run away spending," said Wartman, pointing to essential funding for the nation's biomedical research enterprise through the National Institutes of Health, health professions education programs, and countless other educational, job, and energy programs.

"These programs range from child care to energy assistance, from student loans and scholarships to employment and training programs that serve the entire population in one way or another. The Labor-Health and Human Services-Education appropriations not only keep people healthy, educated and working, they also help keep the U.S. stable, secure, and competitive in the world economy. Congress must override the president's veto and move forward to serve the American people," said Wartman.

The Association of Academic Health Centers is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the nation's health and well-being by mobilizing and enhancing the strengths and resources of the academic health center enterprise in health professions education, patient care, and research.

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