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STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

H.R. 1048 – Defending Education Transparency and Ending Rogue Regimes Engaging in Nefarious Transactions (DETERRENT) Act
(Rep. Baumgartner, R-WA, and 21 cosponsors)

The Administration strongly supports passage of H.R. 1048, the DETERRENT Act. Through an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965, this bill would implement stronger disclosure requirements on institutions of higher education regarding foreign gifts they receive and contracts they enter with foreign entities. This bill strengthens oversight of foreign gifts and contracts by creating a public database of these relationships, improving data sharing between government agencies, and imposing steep fines for colleges and universities that fail to comply. It would also promote transparency and help protect academic freedom at institutions of higher education. The Administration has a duty to protect intellectual property, weapons technology, and the cultivation of American leaders and ideas from harmful foreign influence. Congress's affirmative vote on this bill would ensure the Nation's educational, cultural, and national security interests are protected from foreign exploitation.

If H.R. 1048 were presented to the President in its current form, his advisors would recommend that he sign it into law.

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