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**Statement of National Education Knowledge Industry Association
President Jim Kohlmoos
on the
House Labor HHS Education Appropriations Bill, HR 3010**

“The National Education Knowledge Industry Association is pleased that the House Appropriations committee recognized the value of the Department of Education’s research and technical assistance programs in the FY06 Labor, HHS, Education and Related Agencies subcommittee bill.

Although the funding levels in HR 3010 for the Regional Education Labs (at \$66 M), the Comprehensive Assistance Centers (at \$56.8 M) and the Research Development and Dissemination account (at \$164.2 M) (including the R&D Centers) are less than we would have hoped, we also recognize the serious financial constraints under which the committee was forced to work this year. Bearing that in mind, we truly appreciate the committee’s efforts in preserving and advancing a strong education R&D infrastructure at the Department of Education.

We are especially grateful for the leadership of Subcommittee Chairman Ralph Regula, Full Committee Chairman Jerry Lewis and Ranking Member David Obey in managing this bill.”

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