

February 2, 2010

The Honorable Ben Nelson
U.S. Senate
720 Hart Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

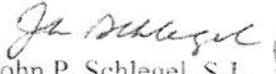
Dear Senator Nelson:

I am respectfully requesting your support to establish a federal funding partnership in Fiscal Year 2011 with Creighton University for its Health Sciences Simulation Lab and Equipment; Center for Alternative Energy Performance, Education and Policy; and Core Facility Research Equipment. These projects provide public benefits that truly meet both the short and long-term community needs in Omaha, throughout the State of Nebraska, and the nation as a whole. We appreciate the commitment you have made toward improving education in Nebraska and are hopeful you can support one or more of the following projects. They include:

1. Health Sciences Simulation Lab and Equipment – to support costs associated with acquisition of equipment to support medical and dental simulation labs (\$2,500,000);
2. Center for Alternative Energy Performance, Education and Policy – to support costs associated with program development, equipment, and renovation and outreach efforts (\$1,225,000);
3. Core Facility Research Equipment – to support costs associated with the acquisition of research equipment for the University's core research facilities (\$1,000,000).

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these requests. It is essential to our education and health care systems and our economy that future generations of Americans have the most advanced skills in these fields as they enter an increasingly competitive workforce. I look forward to working with you on these important initiatives.

Sincerely,


John P. Schlegel, S.J.