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U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 1.3 million members of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT), including 130,000 higher education professionals, I write to ask for your support of H.Con.Res.312, introduced by Rep. Dale Kildee. This resolution recognizes the valuable contributions of part-time faculty in the education of our students at institutions of higher education. We would appreciate your co-sponsorship of this resolution.

As you know, professors play a significant role in the intellectual growth of our nation's students. More and more of the traditional full-time positions at America's colleges and universities, are being replaced by part-time faculty. Between 1971 and 1986, the number of part-time faculty increased by 133 percent while the full-time faculty increased by only 22 percent. The evidence is clear that part-time faculty, just like our full-time faculty, make great contributions to our education system and serve with distinction.

Join Rep. Dale Kildee and the other co-sponsors in honoring these men and women who are committed to educating our students in postsecondary education. A copy of the resolution is attached for your convenience. To sign on as a co-sponsor please contact Alex Nock, of the Education and the Workforce Committee staff, at 226-2068.

Sincerely,

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Director, Legislation Department

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