

**STATEMENT BY SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ON INCREASE TO MAXIMUM
PELL GRANT**

Washington, D.C. -- On Monday night, the House Appropriations Committee filed the FY2007 Joint Funding Resolution. The resolution includes a \$260 increase to the maximum Pell Grant -from \$4,050 to \$4,310. The maximum Pell Grant has been remained stagnant at \$4,050 for five years, and this increase is the first step in the push to raise the maximum Pell Grant to \$5,100.

Senator Kennedy said, "After five years of broken promises from the Administration, this is an important down payment by Democrats on our commitment to help families with high college costs. This is just the beginning of our program to make college more affordable for average Americans."