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Dear Alumni and Friends,

With interest in public service and public policy growing on campus and across the country, I am excited to share with you the La Follette School’s 2020–2021 Highlights report.

As the report outlines, the La Follette School is poised to help find evidence-based solutions for the many challenges we face in our communities and throughout the world. Our exciting growth includes educating hundreds of UW–Madison undergraduate students for the first time in School history and increasing our research and outreach.

The Kohl Initiative, a $10 million gift from former U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl, has fueled this expansion, and we are so grateful for this investment. In fact, it has spurred us to think bigger—especially regarding increased financial support to our La Follette School students during their graduate and undergraduate training. As you can see on the back of this letter, we’ve made incredible progress toward raising donor support for our students, but we also have a long way to go to meet the need.

Your donations directly impact La Follette School students, many of whom are dedicated to working in public and nonprofit service. By keeping the cost of earning a degree low, our students can follow their dreams and better our society. Scholarships and fellowships are essential for achieving these goals.

In addition, increased funding would expand opportunities for our undergraduate students, who must complete a professional policy experience—typically a summer internship. These real-world experiences are tremendous learning opportunities and reinforce students’ excitement for a policy career.

Recent national and international events have clearly demonstrated the tremendous need for expertise in evidence-based policymaking and robust public policy discussions. Your financial support is critical for training the future leaders we need to move our communities and country forward.

Help the La Follette School continue to grow, and give today at: supportuw.org/giveto/lafolletteschool. Contributions will be prioritized for student funding. Thank you.

On, Wisconsin!

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