

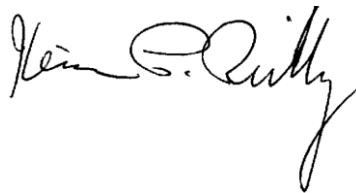
I am pleased to be part of The Presidents' Pledge Against Global Poverty because I trust it will help to alleviate suffering and raise hope in places where both of these goods are much needed.

My four grandparents emigrated from Ireland to America because of the poverty and prejudice they faced at home. Knowing three of them made me understand what disadvantaged people can contribute if they can stay alive and pursue a few opportunities for a better life that might be open to them.

Unlike my grandparents, my wife Kate and I have more money than we need to live a decent life. We believe the decent thing to do is share some of it with those who don't.

From my perspective, the Pledge is an extension of our role as educators. I like to say that the University of Wisconsin is a premier developer of advanced human potential. If we fund organizations we know are effective in assisting those who find themselves in extreme poverty to keep food in their bellies, a roof over their heads, and disease at bay, their realized rather than lost potential can be a boon to our lives and those of generations to come across the planet.

College and University Presidents can hardly use their prestige, and a bit of their wealth, to do better than that!

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin P. Reilly". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "y" at the end.

Kevin P. Reilly, President
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