

November 30, 2015

Dear Representative:

On behalf of state education leaders across the country, I strongly urge you to vote Yes on the “Every Student Succeeds Act.” This critical legislation would fix the No Child Left Behind Act and create a stable federal law that gives states additional flexibility and encourages innovation while maintaining a strong focus on accountability and student equity.

The law is well overdue for reauthorization, which has led to uncertainty and instability for state and local education leaders working to improve student outcomes and eliminate academic achievement gaps. Quick congressional action to approve the Every Student Succeeds Act is critical to establish an appropriate balance between federal and state roles in U.S. education policy and enable a sound federal-state partnership in providing academic opportunities for all students in the years to come.

I strongly urge a Yes vote on the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Sincerely,



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