



September 29, 2015

Dear Chairman Kline, Ranking Member Scott, Chairman Alexander, and Ranking Member Murray:

We know that Congress has a busy agenda this Fall, but Congress must not lose focus on the needs of our nation's students. ESEA reauthorization cannot wait. Yet another school year has started under the policies of No Child Left Behind. America's students, parents and educators need a new law that moves past No Child Left Behind. Any new law should maintain the historic purpose of ESEA by preserving the focus on low-income students and equity, and ultimately focus on delivering the high-quality education that all our children deserve.

Great progress has already been made as both chambers have passed their own ESEA proposals this past July. Now is the time to finish the job and produce a final product that takes the best of both bills and reauthorizes the outdated NCLB. Students cannot wait any longer for a revised law. We urge you finish work on ESEA and deliver a bipartisan bill to the President's desk this fall.

Sincerely,

American Federation of Teachers
National Education Association
The School Superintendents Association
National Association of Secondary School Principals
Council of Chief State School Officers
Association of School Business Officials International

National Association of Elementary School Principals
National School Boards Association
National PTA
National Association of State Boards of Education

Cc: Members of the House Education and the Workforce Committee
Members of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions