



December 7, 2015

Dear Senator:

Our organizations write to urge your support for the conference report on the Every Student Succeeds Act that would reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The conference report represents a carefully crafted, bipartisan measure that has taken into account the interests of all the stakeholders in the education process, including education leaders, parents, children, teachers, specialized instructional support personnel, special educators and the civil rights community.

In addition to listening to the concerns of stakeholders, the conference report remains true to the fundamental issues that the original ESEA was designed to address -- inequities in our educational system due to poverty and inequality. The bill also addresses many of the underlying problems with the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001. Many of the provisions of NCLB have proven to be unworkable and the waivers granted by the Secretary of Education have resulted in a patchwork system of policy changes that have not alleviated those problems.

The reauthorization of the ESEA is long overdue. Our organizations appreciate the hard work and thoughtfully constructed compromise – first by Chairman Alexander, Ranking Member Murray, Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Scott – and now by the Conference Committee.

We urge that you vote in favor of passage of this important conference report.

If you have questions, please contact Bob Harmon, CEO of the National Title I Association, at 800-256-6452 or email him at bob.harmon@titlei.org.

Sincerely,

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