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

Earlier this year, both the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate made significant strides towards updating our nation's education laws by passing bills to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – the *Student Success Act* (H.R. 5) and the *Every Child Achieves Act* (S. 1177). For far too long our nation's schools have struggled under the now outdated No Child Left Behind law to provide the world-class education that our children deserve and require to be competitive in a global economy. It has been nearly 13 years since the last ESEA reauthorization; we cannot miss this opportunity to reconcile differences and enact legislation that puts students and families first. We urge you to complete conference negotiations to reauthorize ESEA as soon as possible.

Missing this opportunity to reauthorize ESEA would be devastating to America's students whose education is deeply impacted – these students deserve to be made a priority. Successful passage of legislation to update our laws is critical to every community in each of our congressional districts. Across the nation school districts, students, parents, educators, and community leaders are eager for a new law that supports common sense changes that strengthen our education system.

Enacting authorizing legislation is the duty of the legislative branch. The time is long-past for Congress to exercise this authority. We were pleased that both the House and Senate completed their individual bills this summer. We urge you to finish the work and present a final ESEA reauthorization bill as soon as possible. We stand ready to support you in this effort.

Sincerely,



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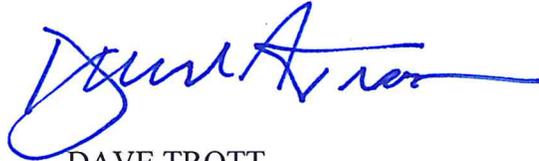
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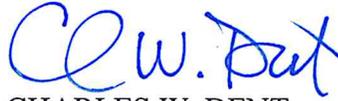
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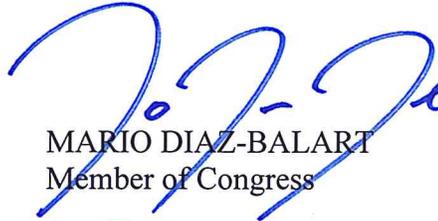
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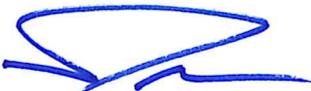
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