

April 1, 2014

Chairman John Kline
Congressman George Miller
U.S. House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Congressman Miller:

On behalf of state education leaders across the nation, the Council of Chief State School Officers is pleased to support your bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the Education Sciences Reform Act (ESRA). As primary users of federal education research and technical assistance, states support improvements in federal programs embodied in your bipartisan bill.

Your bill would maintain high standards for the rigor of federal education research and require that it be relevant to education practitioners. It includes key measures to make federally-supported research more timely and responsive to state education leaders. It ensures that researchers deeply engage state education leaders as they develop and implement education research strategies.

We hope and expect that reauthorization of ESRA will facilitate additional bipartisan legislative activity on overdue reauthorizations such as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. We look forward to working with you and your congressional colleagues to fully update federal education law and policy to support state education system improvement.

Sincerely,



Chris Minnich
Executive Director

