

June 17, 2013

The Honorable John Kline, Chairman  
The Honorable George Miller, Ranking Member  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

As the House Education and the Workforce Committee considers the Student Success Act (H.R. 5), we would like to express our support for the provisions in the bill designed to improve consultation requirements and other conditions related to equitable services provided to students and teachers in religious schools. Congress has long determined that federal education aid should be provided on an equitable basis to all children in need no matter the type of school they attend. We are glad to see a series of provisions in H.R. 5 which will help ensure this process will benefit the most children.

Changes found in Section 120 of the bill, which amends Section 1120 (20 U.S.C. 6320) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as well as Section 501, offer a wide range of general provisions, including amendments to Section 9501 (20 U.S.C. 7881) of ESEA, which together would provide clarity, timeliness, assurances, enhanced equity, and overall improvements to the provision of services to private school children and their teachers.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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