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The Honorable John Kline  
Committee on Education and the Workforce  
United States House of Representatives  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Kline:

Americans for Limited Government strongly supports your efforts to permanently repeal ineffective federal education programs to ensure taxpayer money spent on education is done so responsibly.

As your research has pointed out, overall per pupil funding has tripled since 1964. The national average amount spent per student is now about \$9,000 and despite increased education spending, academic performance remains flat and unchanged.

By repealing the authorizations of nearly 40 wasteful education programs, students, teachers and taxpayers will then be able to focus their time and resources on those programs with a proven track record of success.

There could not be a better time for the introduction of The Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act. A recent Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey found that 72 percent of taxpayers say they are not getting their money's worth from the current public education system. Of those 72 percent, only one in three voters thought that sending more money towards the education system would aid student performance. It is clear some changes to the current education system are needed and ridding the system of unnecessary and wasteful programs is the perfect place to start.

We applaud The Setting New Priorities in Education Spending Act for the changes it will bring to the current system, which is ambiguous and often unclear where taxpayer money is spent. Your legislation will bring more transparency to the federal government's role in educating our students as well as reining in spending to curb the national debt.

We support your legislation and look forward to working with you to ensure taxpayer money in the education system is spent responsibly and that future generations receive the best education possible.

Sincerely,

William A. Wilson  
President

cc: Members of the Committee