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Strengthening Christian Schools

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Hon. Lamar Alexander
Chairman
Health, Education, Labor and
Pensions Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Hon. John Kline
Chairman
Education and the Workforce Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Alexander and Representative Kline,

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) has followed with great interest the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) now contained in S. 1177, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). We write today to express our support for the language in S. 1177 which so significantly improves the provision of equitable services to students and teachers. We urge that Congress quickly enact these measures into law.

The processes governing equitable services have eroded over the years. This, in turn, created challenges in guaranteeing that teachers and students received the services for which the ESEA has provided from its inception. The improved language in S. 1177 helps to ensure that teachers and students receive the services they were meant to receive. Sections 1117 and 8015 of the legislation go a long way to achieving these important goals.

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) is a nonprofit, non-denominational, religious association providing support services to nearly 24,000 Christian schools in over 100 countries. ACSI serves 3,000 Christian preschools, elementary, and secondary schools and 90 post-secondary institutions in the United States. Member-schools educate some 5.5 million children around the world.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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