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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510  
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Schumer, Speaker Ryan, and Minority Leader Pelosi:

I write to express support for H. J. Res. 58, a resolution of disapproval under the Congressional Review Act to block the U.S. Department of Education's rule related to teacher preparation published on October 31, 2016 (81 Fed. Reg. 75494).

The Department of Education (ED) has legitimate oversight responsibility of TEACH grants to protect the interests of students, educators, and taxpayers. In my view, more needs to be done to ensure teacher preparation programs are adequately preparing the next generation of educators. Unfortunately though, ED promulgated an overly complicated rule that would impose a significant financial burden on states and education programs.

Accordingly, it is appropriate that Congress block this rule. Although the teacher preparation rule may be repealed, we believe that ED should identify leading efforts across the nation and support their further development including the Institute of Education Sciences' efforts to encourage a more rapid adoption and broader culture of improvement and accountability.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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President  
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