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

**Re: Student Success Act (H.R. 5)**

Dear Chairman Kline:

The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) would like again to express our support for the provisions in the Student Success Act (H.R. 5) to improve consultation requirements and other conditions related to equitable services provided to students and teachers in religious schools.

From its inception, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) ensured that federal aid was to benefit students in need no matter what kind of school the student attended. This process has eroded over time, but we are glad to see that H.R. 5 begins to reverse those setbacks. A series of measures in the bill improve the governance of equitable services so as once again to benefit the most children. Sections 120 and 601 of the bill offer a wide range of provisions to achieve this goal. Those provisions mark an important improvement in the ESEA going forward.

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.

Sincerely,

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