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Chairman John Kline
Congressman George Miller
House Education and the Workforce Committee
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller,

On behalf of AASA, The School Superintendents Association, representing more than 10,000 school system leaders across the country, I write to express our support for the bipartisan *Strengthening Education through Research Act (HR 4366)*, to be considered by your committee this week.

AASA applauds your bipartisan effort to reauthorize the Education Sciences Reform Act. Local school superintendents rely on federal education research and technical assistance, and this reauthorization provides a climate of high standards and rigor that will further strengthen the critical role of federal education research in both education policy discussions and implementation.

AASA remains optimistic that the bipartisan momentum of ESRA will carry over to other legislative priorities within your committee, including the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. We look forward to continuing to work with you and your committee to advance federal education policy that strengthens the nation's public school system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Noelle Ellerson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Noelle Ellerson
Associate Executive Director, Policy & Advocacy