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Dear Representative,

On behalf of the League of United Latin American Citizens, the nation's oldest and largest Latino civil rights organization, I write to express our organization's deep concern with several amendments that may be considered on the floor as part of the House' consideration of H.R. 5, the Student Success Act.

Should these amendments come to the floor, LULAC urges the following:

### **Walker #36 – VOTE NO**

Adds A-PLUS, which would send funding back to states in the form of block grants, giving states the ability to direct the funding to any education purpose under state law.

### **Salmon Amendment #129 – VOTE NO**

Allows parents to opt their student out of the testing required under this bill and exempts schools from including students that have opted out in the schools' participation requirements.

LULAC is in agreement with the civil rights community that these amendments would further weaken the underlying bill and completely undermine the longstanding purpose of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) – to raise achievement for vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

Brent Wilkes  
LULAC Executive Director