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United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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 support for three critical amendments to the *Every Child Achieves Act of 2015*, which are slated for Senate consideration this week.

LULAC urges the following:

VOTE YES on the Murphy-Booker-Warren-Coons-Durbin Accountability

Amendment #2241. A new ESEA must prepare all students for postsecondary success or careers. The academic needs of all students matter. States must be required to identify schools where all students or groups of students are not meeting goals and to intervene in ways that raise achievement for students not meeting state standards.

VOTE YES on the Kirk-Reed-Baldwin-Brown Resource Equity Amendment #2161.

Every child deserves to attend a school that has adequate resources for learning in the 21st century. However, districts that predominately serve students of color receive approximately \$1,200 less per student than districts that predominately serve white students. The ESEA must require states to intervene and correct the massive resource disparities that plague our nation's schools.

VOTE YES on the Warren-Gardner Cross-Tab Amendment #2249.

The current Senate bill fails to provide key data on how girls and boys of color or with disabilities are faring in schools. It also fails to adapt to the diversity of our nation's children by lumping all Asian-American students together. The ESEA must provide the transparency and data that families and communities need to advocate for their children.

If you should have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Luis Torres, LULAC National Director of Policy, at latorres@lulac.org or (202) 833-6130.

Sincerely,

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