

The Honorable Pete Sessions
Chairman, The Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
H-312 The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Louise Slaughter
Ranking Member, The Committee on Rules
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Below please see the letters of support for the Bonamici (#135) and Stefanik (#136) Amendments in regards to Title IV-A of ESSA funding from the Title IV-A Coalition.

Thank you on behalf of the Title IV-A Coalition.

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
439 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Elise Stefanik
318 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Representatives Bonamici and Stefanik,

The Title IV, A Coalition writes to express our sincerest gratitude for your unyielding commitment and support for the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant (SSAE) program within the Every Student Succeeds Act. Our coalition is especially thankful for the bipartisan amendment that you introduced to amend the House omnibus package, which called for full funding for the SSAE program in FY 2018. Our coalition views this amendment as an important opportunity to highlight all of the critically important ways this funding would promote safe and healthy schools, ensure all students have access to a well-rounded education, and allow for the effective use of technology.

At a time where the fate of SSAE is uncertain, we are truly grateful for your leadership on this issue and are appreciative of your ongoing support for this program. We look forward to continuing our efforts to ensure that this program receives full funding and is implemented as Congress authorized and intended in ESSA.

With gratitude,
The Title IV, A Coalition

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Society of Women Engineers
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The American Counseling Association
The College Board
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Trust for America's Health

The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici
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Our coalition views this amendment as an important opportunity to highlight all of the critically important areas that could benefit from this funding, which includes supporting safe and healthy school programs, ensuring all students have access to a well-rounded education, and supporting the effective use of technology.

Given that the House Rules required that any increase within the LHHS-Ed bill to have an offset, we appreciate your willingness to find offsets within the Department that do not take away money from specific programs and place it to others. In light of the \$200 million reduction to the Department of Education's administrative funds to offset the Title IV-A increase, we want to emphasize the critical role the Department plays in the administration of these important programs and hope that this offset in no way diminishes the ability for the Department to continue its valuable work. In order to prevent further cuts to the LHHS-Education bill and the Department overall, we strongly urge members of Congress to raise the arbitrary spending caps so more investments can be made in education.

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