

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ralph Regula
Chairman
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education
2358 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-6022

Dear Chairman Regula:

We are writing to urge you to significantly increase funding for the Mathematics and Science Partnerships program authorized under Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001.

As you know, this program is specifically designed to improve student academic achievement in the areas of mathematics and science by encouraging States, institutions of higher education, local school districts, elementary schools, and secondary schools to work in concert with one another. Among other initiatives, the program focuses on the development of rigorous mathematics and science curricula and brings mathematics and science teachers together with scientists, mathematicians, and engineers in order to improve their teaching skills.

In this era of high technology, proficiency in mathematics and science is essential, if today's students and our Nation as a whole hope to compete in the New Economy tomorrow.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and we look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,



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Committee on Education and the Workforce



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