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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members:

On behalf of the 113 national education organizations and institutions that are members of the Committee for Education Funding (CEF), we write to support greater investments in education for fiscal year 2018 – a year already one third complete. As Congress continues to work on setting new appropriations levels and enacting full-year funding, we encourage you to reach a budget deal that raises the sequester-level non-defense discretionary (NDD) caps by the same amount of the increase in the defense caps, and then to increase the 302(b) allocation for the Labor-Health and Human Services-Education Subcommittee FY 2018 bill by at least its proportional share of the additional spending. We urge the Subcommittee to use the additional resources to significantly increase funding for education programs. As you know, funding cuts and freezes over many years have eroded the federal investment in vital education services to students, schools, and communities, with the result that current federal education appropriations are below the 2011 level even in nominal terms.

Recognizing the importance of the competing interests in the Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, CEF supports increasing investments in education because they are vital to building a stronger nation, spurring

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economic growth, and creating a well-educated populace ready to succeed in the global environment. Individual success and the nation's economic strength are inextricably linked to educational attainment, and there is clear evidence of the effectiveness of investing along the entire education continuum – from early education to higher education, including elementary and secondary education, career and technical education, adult education and workforce development, and out-of-the-classroom education programs such as afterschool services.

CEF, the nation's oldest and largest education coalition, is a non-partisan organization reflecting the entire continuum of the education community. Our long-term "5¢ Makes Sense" campaign supports the goal of increasing education investments from the current two percent of the federal budget to five cents on the federal dollar.

Students and schools count on strong federal education investments to ensure equitable access to high-quality education. We encourage you to support a budget deal that allows for greater and necessary investments in education.

Sincerely,



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