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The Honorable Rodney Frelinghuysen, Chairman
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The Honorable Tom Cole, Chairman
The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Labor, HHS, Education, and Related Agencies
House Appropriations Committee
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Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen, Chairman Cole, Ranking Member Lowey, and
Ranking Member DeLauro:

On behalf of the 110 national education organizations and institutions that are members of the Committee for Education Funding (CEF), we write to urge you not to reduce the allocation for your fiscal year 2019 Labor-HHS-Education bill or rescind already appropriated funds in the bill to offset the extra \$1.1 billion the House approved last week that was above the allocation for Military Construction-Veterans Affairs funding. Any cuts to the bill's allocation, or rescission of previous funding, could jeopardize services that students, families, communities, and the economy rely on to succeed.

We appreciate your support for important education programs in the bill, and urge you not to cut the bill's already tight funding. Until last year, the Labor-HHS-Education bill had received only small percentage increases even though it funds an array of vital services, including education investments. For fiscal year 2019, it received no increase in its allocation despite the \$18 billion increase in the cap on non-defense discretionary funding. The bill accounts for more than 30 percent of all non-defense discretionary funding, so would have been in line for an increase of \$5.5 billion had the total non-defense discretionary increase been spread proportionately.

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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. CEF urges you to continue efforts to increase education investments and invest resources where they are most needed. As you know, current federal education funding is still below the fiscal year 2011 level when adjusted for inflation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jeff Carter in black ink.

Jeff Carter
President

Handwritten signature of Sheryl Cohen in black ink.

Sheryl Cohen
Executive Director