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Dear Members of Congress:

We write on behalf of the more than 100 education organizations, institutions, and others that are members of the Committee for Education Funding (CEF) to urge Congress to quickly enact fiscal year 2022 funding with the largest possible increases for education. The President requested historic increased investments for education programs, the House passed similar vital increases in July 2021, and the Senate Appropriations Committee released a bill last fall with slightly smaller increases to address these pressing needs. More than four months into this fiscal year, education programs are operating on temporary funding that is frozen at last year's levels, not knowing how much support they will ultimately get. With all the disruption and challenges to education in the last two years, the last thing that's needed is more uncertainty and delays in federal support.

Education has been so underfunded for years due to tight budget constraints that on-going Education programs now receive \$7 billion less than a decade ago in inflation-adjusted terms. With discretionary spending caps no longer in place, the Administration and Congress have proposed to use the opportunity of fiscal year 2022 appropriations to invest in our future with strategic increases to address long-standing needs. The proposals provide vital funding along the education continuum from early childhood to K-12 education; adult and career technical education; and higher education. Any further delay in enacting full-year, increased funding will make it harder to provide needed early childhood services, train and hire educators, ensure student aid that provides access to post-secondary education, and support wraparound educational services.

We urge Congress to quickly finalize these vital education investments at the highest possible levels to support educational improvements that will have profound impacts on teaching and learning; benefitting families and communities; and boosting the economy.

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Sincerely,



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