

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 10, 2025

The Honorable Linda McMahon  
Secretary of Education  
United States Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
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The Honorable Russell Vought  
Director  
Office of Management and Budget  
Executive Office of the President  
725 17th Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20503

Secretary McMahon and Director Vought,

We write to request more information about your decision to illegally withhold nearly \$7 billion dollars of funding for K-12 schools and adult education from states and local school districts around the country and to insist that this funding be immediately released. Without these funds, schools are facing difficult and unnecessary decisions on programs for students and teachers.

On June 30, 2025, just one day before these funds become available for obligation, the Department notified states that they would not receive these funds by July 1 and that “[g]iven the change in Administrations, the Department is reviewing the FY 2025 funding ... and decisions have not yet been made concerning submissions and awards for this upcoming academic year.” This late-breaking decision, which provided no timeline for which states can expect a final decision, is leaving states financially vulnerable and forcing many to make last minute decisions about how to proceed with K12 education in this upcoming school year. The education funding withheld by the Administration reflects resources provided by Congress that are designed to help schools with a variety of issues, including student learning and achievement, after-school programs, and teacher training.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, education funding provided by Congress to help with adult education and literacy is also being withheld.<sup>2</sup>

This unnecessary delay of education funding, which accounts for at least 10 percent of federal K-12 funding in every state, is alarming parents, local elected officials, and education agencies. It is disrupting school and district planning, jeopardizing the education of millions of students, and is already resulting in layoffs as well as program delays and cancellations<sup>3</sup>. Further, it is causing concern to adult education programs that are faced with similar decisions without immediate access to expected funding.

Accordingly, please provide responses to the following questions no later than July 15, 2025.

1. When will the Administration finish its review and release the funding provided by Congress to states to use for the school year beginning next month?
2. Has the Administration done any outreach or offered any sort of support for state and local education agencies to assist them and their partners in navigating this period of uncertainty?

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<sup>1</sup> Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title I-C, 20 U.S.C. 6391 *et seq.*, Title II-A, 20 U.S.C. 6611 *et seq.*, Title III-A, 20 U.S.C. 6812 *et seq.*, Title IV-A, 20 U.S.C. 7111 *et seq.*, Title IV-B, 20 U.S.C. 7171 *et seq.*;

<https://www.npr.org/2025/07/01/nx-s1-5453457/trump-school-funding-grants>

<sup>2</sup> Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, Title II, 29 U.S.C. 3271 *et seq.*

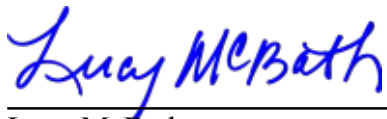
<sup>3</sup> [States Face Uncertainty as an Estimated \\$6.2 Billion in K-12 Funding Remains Unreleased: Here's the Fiscal Impact by State | Learning Policy Institute](#)

3. If the Administration knew it wanted to review these funds, why didn't this review start earlier in the year? Was the review or the timely release of funds affected by the lack of staff at the Department, which is a direct result of the reductions in force (RIFs) executed by the Administration?

There is no legitimate reason why any review of these programs should prevent the Administration from fulfilling its responsibility to the American people on time. No more excuses – follow the law and release the funding meant for our schools, teachers, and families.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing these dollars allocated immediately.

Sincerely,



Lucy McBath  
Member of Congress



Robert C. "Bobby" Scott  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Education  
and Workforce



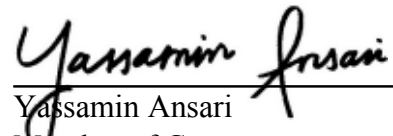
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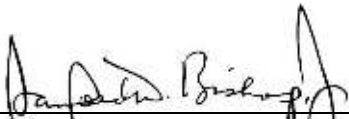
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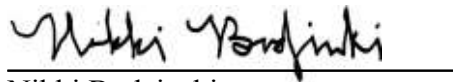
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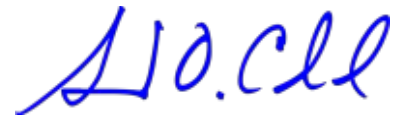
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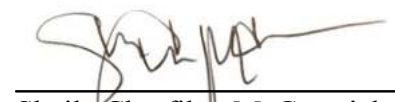
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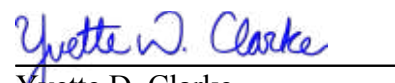
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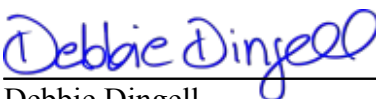
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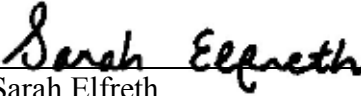
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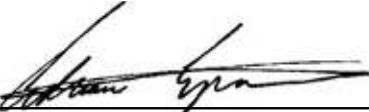
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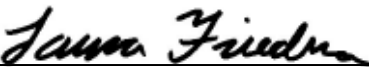
  
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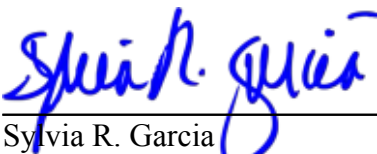
  
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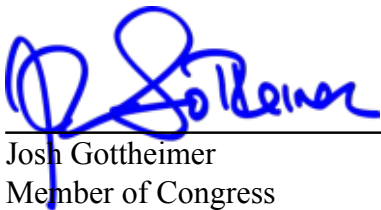
  
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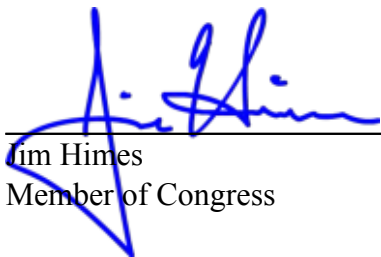
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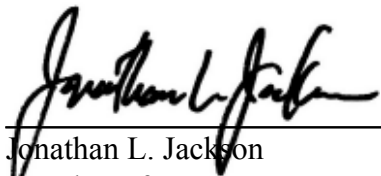
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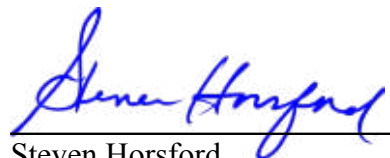
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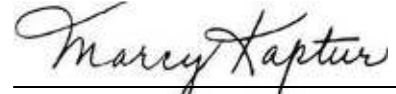


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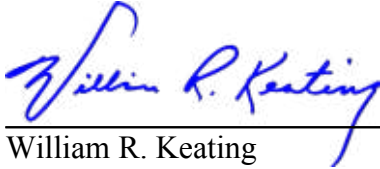
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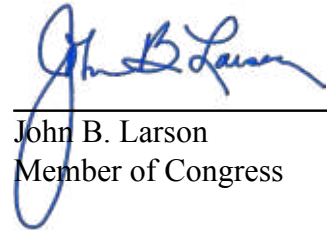
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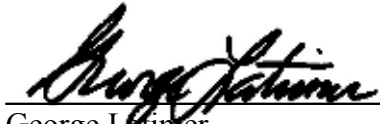
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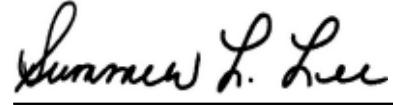
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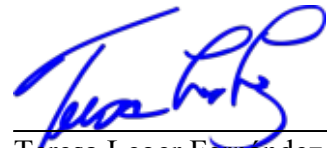
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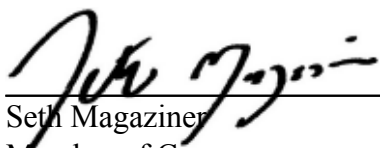
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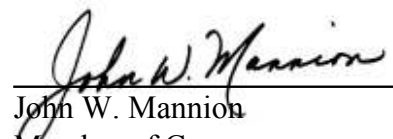
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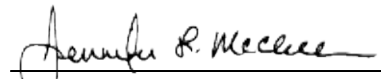
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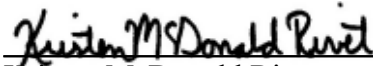




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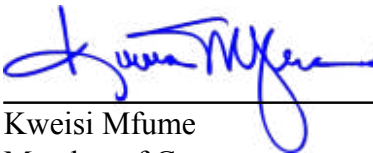
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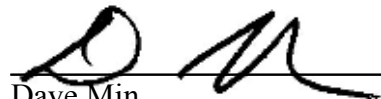
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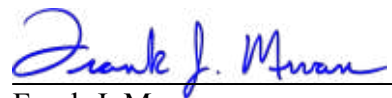
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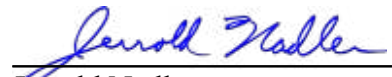
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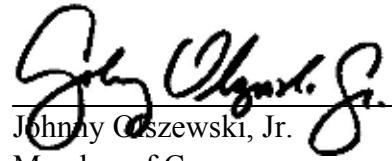
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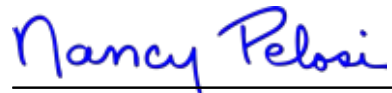
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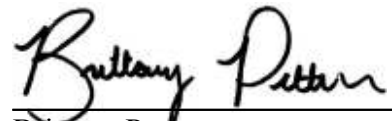
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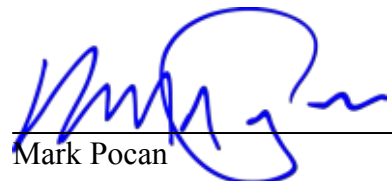
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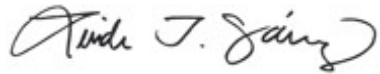
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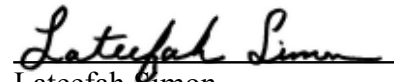
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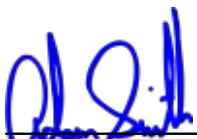
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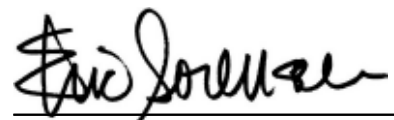
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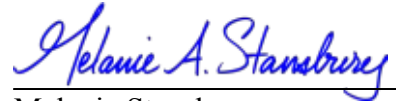
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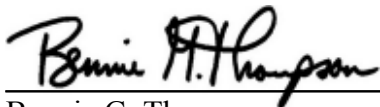
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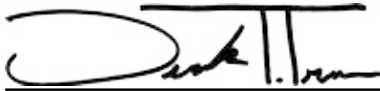
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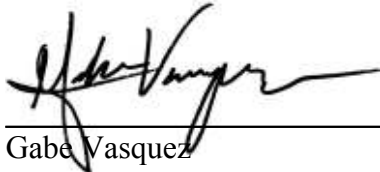
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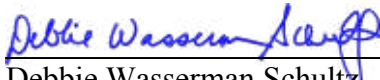
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