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Dear Senator:

We, the undersigned teachers, principals and parents, urge you to oppose any effort to use the Congressional Review Act to overturn the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) regulation on accountability, data and reporting. Instead, Congress should preserve critical civil rights protections for marginalized students.

ESSA is an important civil rights law, and the clarification of important provisions and timelines laid out in the regulation are important for students, especially students in high-need schools. The regulation was so important, in fact, that the Department of Education received formal feedback on the draft regulation from over 21,000 teachers, principals, students, parents and other advocates. Discarding this important regulation diminishes the time and thought dedicated to this process, and the voices of all who have sought to be heard. If the regulation is repealed, it could create delays and confusion for states and districts as to how to move forward in the development of new education plans.

A primary goal of ESSA is to “provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable, and high-quality education, and to close educational achievement gaps.” These lofty objectives require oversight by the Department of Education and support from Members of Congress.

Thank you for your consideration.

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