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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2181 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Mr. Chairman,

As your committee begins consideration of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization, I wish to bring to your attention the need to provide state and local relief against the impending impact of the adequate yearly progress standard. Local school districts across the country have been making progress and have seen improvements in reading and mathematics. However the law as it currently stands creates unrealistic performance standards and could result in severe punishment to local schools. While recognizing the need for accountability, I again ask you to provide relief for school districts across the country.

Thank you again for your dedication in advancing our country's education priorities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Burgess".

Michael C. Burgess, M.D.
Member of Congress