Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

The 99 undersigned organizations write to thank you for supporting and including an amendment to fund Statewide Family Engagement Centers (SFECs) at $10 million in the Make America Secure and Prosperous Appropriations Act (H.R. 3354). We greatly appreciate your support for family engagement centers and urge you to maintain this $10 million for SFECs during negotiations with the Senate on a final FY 2018 appropriations package.

With ESSA implementation underway, states, school districts, school leaders and parents need the resources and services offered through the SFEC program to effectively engage parents as stakeholders and successfully implement the law as Congress intended. Research shows that family engagement improves academic outcomes for our nation’s children and drives increases in student achievement. Our organizations believe that an investment in SFECs is critical to ensuring that families are meaningfully supported and engaged in their child’s education so they can support our nation’s students in becoming fully prepared for higher education, workforce and career opportunities in the 21st century.

The undersigned organizations thank you for your support and leadership on family engagement and ask for your continued support to fund SFECs at $10 million in FY 2018.

Sincerely,

National Organizations
Afterschool Alliance
American Federation of School Administrators
American School Health Association
Campaign for Youth Justice
Council of Administrators of Special Education
Easterseals
First Focus Campaign for Children
Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters
Institute for Educational Leadership
Learning Disabilities Association of America
Magnet Schools of America
National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of State Boards of Education
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Council for Community and Education Partnerships
National Council of La Raza
National Education Association
National PTA
PACER Center
Parents as Teachers

State Organizations
Alabama Parent Education Center
Alabama PTA
Alaska PTA
Arizona PTA
Arkansas PTA
Association for Special Children and Families (New Jersey)
California State PTA
Colorado PTA
Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition
Connecticut PTA
Delaware PTA
European PTA
Families Helping Families of Jefferson (Louisiana)
Families Together, Inc. (Kansas)
Family Matters (Illinois)
Family Resource Center on Disabilities (Illinois)
Federation for Children with Special Needs (Massachusetts)
Florida PTA
Georgia PTA
Hawaii PTA
Idaho Parents Unlimited
Idaho PTA
Illinois PTA
INCLUDEnyc (New York)
Indiana PTA
IN*SOURCE (Indiana)
Iowa PTA
Kansas PTA
Kentucky PTA
Kentucky Statewide Parent Involvement Network
Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (Hawaii)
Long Island Communities of Practice (New York)
Louisiana PTA
Maine PTA
Maryland PTA
Massachusetts PTA
Michigan PTA
Minnesota PTA
Mississippi Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities
Mississippi PTA
Missouri PTA
Montana PTA
Nevada PTA
New Hampshire PTA
New Jersey PTA
New Mexico PTA
New York State PTA
North Carolina PTA
North Dakota PTA
Ohio PTA
Oklahoma PTA
Oregon PTA
Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center (Virginia)
Parent to Parent of Miami (Florida)
Parents Helping Parents of Wyoming
Parents Reaching Out (New Mexico)
PTI Nebraska
Pennsylvania PTA
Puerto Rico PTA
Rhode Island Parent Information Network
Rhode Island PTA
South Carolina PTA
SPEAKS Education (Michigan)
Stone Soup Group (Alaska)
Tennessee PTA
Texas PTA
THRIVE Center (Colorado)
U.S. Virgin Islands PTA
Utah PTA
Vermont Family Network
Virginia PTA
Washington State PTA
West Virginia PTA
Wisconsin PTA
Wyoming PTA