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The Honorable Arne Duncan
US Secretary of Education
The United States Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave. SW
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Dear Secretary Duncan:

We are writing in support of the Indiana Department of Education's three year renewal request for its Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver. An extension of this waiver will allow Indiana to continue to tailor its education policies to the unique needs of the state ensuring Hoosiers are prepared for postsecondary education or the workforce.

Since 2012, in return for flexibility from specific ESEA requirements, Indiana has implemented comprehensive reforms designed to close achievement gaps, strengthen accountability standards and improve teacher effectiveness in the classroom. Indiana seeks to continue to build upon these state and local efforts already underway.

Congress has been diligently working on reforming ESEA to move away from a one-size-fits-all framework so that states have the necessary flexibility to improve educational outcomes. As the House of Representatives continues these reform efforts, it is important that Indiana has the certainty it needs to enhance education for its students as the 2015-2016 school year approaches.

We appreciate your careful consideration of the Indiana Department of Education's flexibility waiver.

Sincerely,


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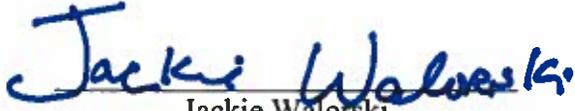

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