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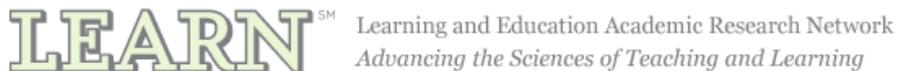
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September 05, 2017

The Honorable Rodney P. Frelinghuysen  
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nita Lowey  
Ranking Member, Committee on Appropriations  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Tom Cole  
Chair, Appropriations Subcommittee on  
Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member, Appropriations Subcommittee  
on Labor, HHS, Education & Related Agencies  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Frelinghuysen, Ranking Member Lowey, Chairman Cole, and Ranking  
Member DeLauro:

The LEARN Coalition, a coalition of leading research colleges of education, is writing to express our serious concern over the amendment submitted by Rep. Rooney (R-FL) to the Rules Committee as part of its structured amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3354, the Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018. This amendment would reduce funding by \$195 million from the overall Institute of Education Sciences (IES) allocation and would devastate the critical high quality education research being conducted by IES grantees.

We urge your leadership in opposing this amendment to maintain the level of funding in the bill for IES initiatives. The level of funding in the bill will allow the continued funding of the key research and evaluation functions of the Institute of Education Sciences which provide proven solutions to the challenges faced by schools as they educate our nation's students. We have seen firsthand the impact that IES funding has had in producing the knowledge needed to enable our students to succeed academically. Adoption of this amendment will fundamentally damage the research structure and erode funding that IES grantees use to provide critical and proven research. A robust and sustained investment in education research and development is crucial to ensure continued progress on improving teaching and learning.

We urge you to oppose this amendment and continue to support the level of funding for IES that is in the Committee passed bill. We believe that strong support for the IES will help improve outcomes for students and effectively leverage Federal resources. Thank you for considering this request and please contact us if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Honorable Virginia Foxx, Chair, Education and Workforce Committee

The Honorable Robert C. “Bobby” Scott, Ranking Member, Education and Workforce Committee

The Honorable Todd Rokita, Chair, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

The Honorable Jared Polis, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education

The Honorable Brett Guthrie, Chair, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development

The Honorable Susan A. Davis, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development