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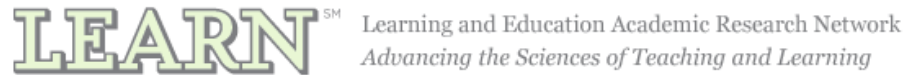
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The Honorable Pete Sessions
Chair, Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Louise M. Slaughter
Ranking Member, Committee on Rules
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Sessions and Ranking Member Slaughter:

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 you not to make this amendment in order as it would jeopardize 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.

As your committee begins deliberations for the rule on H.R. 3354, we strongly urge you to not make this amendment in order. We believe that continued, 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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