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The Honorable John Kline
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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman, Committee on Health, Education, Labor
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The Honorable Robert C. "Bobby" Scott
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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Dear Chairman Kline, Ranking Member Scott, Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray:

As organizations that share a commitment to using data transparency to support improved student performance, we strongly encourage Congress to maintain, in any final reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) the provisions in Title I, Section 1111(d)(1)(C)(xix-xx) of the Every Child Achieves Act (ECAA) requiring state and local educational agencies to include post-secondary enrollment data – and encouraging them to include data on postsecondary remediation – on annual school report cards.

In nearly all states, the infrastructure for compiling and reporting the critical data on postsecondary enrollment and success already exists, as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. We believe students and parents deserve to know the quality and progress of their schools on critical issues related to college readiness. Including data on postsecondary enrollment and remediation on state and local report cards will help students and their families better understand how well schools are preparing students to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. In addition, collecting, linking, and reporting this data will help educators and policymakers better understand how to prepare students for postsecondary success and target limited resources to the schools that need the most support.

Including postsecondary enrollment and remediation on annual state report cards will ensure that students, parents, educators, and policymakers have access to critical information about how well our high schools are preparing students to enter and succeed in postsecondary programs.

Again, we want to express our fervent support for the inclusion of these vital data points in any final Conference Report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Members of the America Forward Education Task Force



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