

August 10, 2010

Member
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Re: Senate Amendment No. 4575 to H.R. 1586

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 95,000 school board members who govern our nation's 15,000 public school districts and employ millions of teachers and school personnel who are vital to the success of our students, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) appreciates your support for our nation's students and urges the House's final passage of H.R. 1586 today, which would help our school districts and states save 160,000 education jobs. We greatly appreciate the House's consideration of this legislation which is of great importance to school districts at the beginning of the school year.

Congress' passage of H.R. 1586 is urgently needed to help school districts throughout the nation save the jobs of thousands of teachers and staff whose work directly benefits student achievement and school performance. States are facing a cumulative budget shortfall of more than \$200 billion; and, several state governments are contemplating additional cuts to education in Fiscal Year 2011. The impact of such drastic budget cuts to education includes: cuts to core instruction and larger class sizes that do not facilitate the type of interaction and specialized curriculum for many students and teachers; the loss of specialists for intervention programs, such as reading and math coaches and after school tutoring; and, discontinued extracurricular programs that help provide a well-rounded education program for our students.

Without a targeted extension of fiscal stabilization funding for education that will save jobs and enable school districts to continue effective programs to close achievement gaps and raise proficiency levels, the progress made through the *American Recovery & Reinvestment Act* will not be sustained. Without a targeted extension of stabilization funding for education, unemployment rates will not be reduced. The effect of intervening now to save jobs in our nation's school districts will yield immediate benefits in our communities and help our children become globally competitive for the future. The jobs sustained for teachers, math and reading coaches, school counselors, after school programs staff, bus drivers, and other personnel will help alleviate unemployment, benefit other sectors of the economy, and continue a path of success for our students and schools.

Please contact Deborah Rigsby at (703) 838-6208 or drigsby@nsba.org for additional information. NSBA appreciates your strong support for our students and school districts, and urges the House's swift passage of this measure today.

Sincerely,



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