



Sample Letter to Send to Your Members of Congress

Dear Representative:

As you may be aware, in January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-Alaska) introduced the *No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648*. This bill is very comprehensive and includes 42 provisions covering the areas of assessments, adequate yearly progress, sanctions, state flexibility, and non-public schools. As a _____ **[insert position: member, President, officer, etc.]** of the _____ **[insert name of School Board]** in your congressional district, I am writing you to urge you to join Representative Young as a co-sponsor of this important legislation.

We believe that H.R. 648 would increase accountability for improving the academic performance of all children enrolled in our public schools. We are pleased that the bill addresses many of the unintended consequences of the federal legislation enacted on January 8, 2002. Additionally, H.R. 648 would remove many of the barriers to full implementation of the goals and objectives of the law. Equally as important, we want you to know that H.R. 648 is consistent with the National School Boards Association's recommendations – which were developed based on input from local school districts across the nation.

Please advise us regarding your decision to become a co-sponsor so that we may inform our community of your very positive actions and continued leadership in ensuring that our school district(s) in your congressional district would be able to take more aggressive actions in raising the academic bar and closing the achievement gap.

Thank you for your continued support to our public schools. Questions concerning our request may be directed to _____ **[insert name and phone number of contact official]**.

Sincerely,

[insert name and school district]