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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
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The Honorable John Kline
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The Honorable Patty Murray
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The Honorable Bobby Scott
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Dear Chairman Alexander, Chairman Kline, Ranking Member Murray, and Ranking Member Scott:

The National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) thanks you for the hard work you have done to reauthorize the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). We are encouraged that the House and Senate are going to conference on this critical piece of legislation. It is past time to fix a well-intended but broken law, and the only way to do this is through reauthorization. We are very hopeful that a vastly improved ESEA will soon be a reality, with a final bill that represents a balanced, bipartisan approach to education reform.

The nation's state legislators appreciate your commitment to education and your efforts to see ESEA reauthorized in the current session of the 114th Congress. America's students deserve no less.

Sincerely,

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