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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

The Chamber opposes H.J. Res. 57, which would block regulations implementing accountability provisions in the bipartisan Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The Chamber believes these regulations, although not perfect, have provided states, districts, and schools the guidance necessary to ensure an orderly transition from the prior No Child Left Behind Act to the new, and far more flexible, accountability provisions under ESSA.

The Chamber is concerned that repealing the regulations could delay implementation of this critical new law. Over the past year, states have been developing implementation plans with input from thousands of stakeholders. Many states are in the final stages of developing these plans and preparing them for submission to the Department of Education. Repealing will create unnecessary confusion and uncertainty.

The Chamber urges you to vote against H.J. Res. 57.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Howard", written in a cursive style.

Jack Howard