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H.R. 1 offers a plan of attack against the persistent and insidious achievement gap between our disadvantaged students and their more affluent peers by linking federal support for education to strong accountability for results. For too long, the federal government has funded programs without even looking at or asking about the results for our children. The time for change has come, and bold legislation such as H.R. 1 that incorporates high standards, annual measurement and accountability, including expanded parental choice, with increased support and flexibility for our state and local governments will help us usher in that change.

As a result of research and measurement, we know more than ever before about what works in our public schools and what does not. Legislation like H.R. 1 reflects the growing support in Washington, D.C., for systemic change that will emphasize what works and will make our public education

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