

October 20, 2015

The Honorable John Boehner Speaker of United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

On behalf of the American Association of Christian Schools (AACS), one of the largest associations of Christian schools in the country, I am pleased to announce our support for the SOAR (Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Reauthorization) Act. AACS is particularly supportive of programs that return control over educational choice to parents. We thank you for your vocal support and active leadership on school choice.

While America's public schools are in desperate need of reform, it is essential that we not neglect the children who are currently enrolled. We consider school choice programs to be one of the best ways to reform the failing educational system in America. Because school choice programs encourage parental involvement, tend to create a multitude of educational options that provide for the unique educational needs of students, and produce excellent educational results, they offer an important real world example of how publicly funded education can be done better.

For decades, the AACS has been a strong supporter of school choice and have seen how the DC Opportunity Scholarship Program has already given parents greater choice in their child's education. As such, we support this reauthorization effort.

The AACS will continue to urge support of the SOAR Act as a way to assist Washington, DC families in their efforts to provide high quality education for their children.

Sincerely,

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