



October 20, 2015

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

The Honorable Jason Chaffetz, Chairman
Committee on Oversight and Government Reform
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kline, Chairman
Committee on Education and the Workforce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Todd Rokita, Chairman
Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

(via Katherine.Haley@mail.house.gov)

Dear Speaker Boehner, Chairman Chaffetz, Chairman Kline and Chairman Rokita:

On behalf of KIPP DC, I am writing to thank you for your leadership for H.R. 10, the reauthorization of the SOAR Act, and to express support for the proposal.

We have over 85,000 students attending District of Columbia Public Schools and D.C. charter schools. These numbers have been climbing steadily after enduring four decades of decline. The improving quality of the educational options we offer families in the District is a primary reason for this growth.

KIPP DC is the largest charter network in Washington, serving almost 5,200 students across 16 schools, from Pre-K3 through high school. All of our schools are Tier One and located in the most under-served areas of the city. The SOAR Act has provided valuable resources for these children, resources which have supported these improvements.

Thank you for your support for DC students and families. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "SS", is positioned above the typed name.

Susan Schaeffler
Founder & Executive Director, KIPP DC