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Support the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A PLUS) Act, H.R. 513 and S. 106

On behalf of FreedomWorks' activist community, I urge you to contact your representative and senators and ask them to cosponsor the Academic Partnerships Lead Us to Success (A PLUS) Act, H.R. 513 and S. 106. Introduced by Rep. Ted Budd (R-N.C.) and Sen. Steve Daines (R-Mont.), the A PLUS Act would allow states to opt out of onerous Obama- and Bush-era federal education requirements.

As communities across the nation know, one-size-fits-all national education requirements are a disaster for schools and their students. Just take one look at Common Core and this is evident. Fortunately, the A PLUS Act would take a serious stab at reversing some of this harm done by overreaches of the federal government into education.

The A PLUS Act would give states the ability to consolidate all funding for programs under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) in order to improve educational opportunities and "reduce unnecessary fiscal and accounting requirements."

The bill also strengthens state and local control by providing the option to decline participation in cumbersome requirements attached to federal education programs. Therefore, the state would be better able to purpose federal education funding in a way that the state sees fit to serve the needs of its students.

Furthermore, the A PLUS Act would prioritize academic achievement and make schools and communities accountable for the success of all students, by requiring states that take advantage of the legislation to devise an individual system of accountability with the federal government to ensure that states are meeting the educational goals set by each state.

The A Plus Act restores local control of education and empowers parents, not big-government bureaucrats. For these reasons, I urge you to contact your representative and senators and ask them to cosponsor the A PLUS Act, H.R. 513 and S. 106.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Brandon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Adam Brandon
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