



American Council on Education
Office of the President

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The Honorable Bart Gordon
Chairman
Committee on Science and Technology
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Gordon:

I write on behalf of the undersigned higher education associations to commend you for introducing H.R. 362, the 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act, and to pledge our support for its enactment.

The 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act will advance STEM education in the United States by strengthening the Robert Noyce Scholarship program for the teachers it seeks to attract. Additionally, H.R. 362 would improve instruction for tomorrow's teachers through important enhancements to the Mathematics and Science Education Partnerships program. Finally, your legislation will promote 21st century math and science curriculum development by requiring the director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) to convene an expert panel aimed at evaluating existing math and science teaching materials, and by expanding the Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology Talent Expansion program to include new centers charged with developing and disseminating curriculum and best practices for the teaching profession.

By taking specific steps to attract, train, support and equip our nation's next generation of math and science teachers, the 10,000 Teachers, 10 Million Minds Science and Math Scholarship Act represents a comprehensive and credible response to the National Academy of Sciences' call to recruit and educate 10,000 math and science teachers annually. Thank you for your leadership and ongoing commitment to American education.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Ward', is positioned above the printed name and title.

David Ward
President

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On behalf of:

American Council on Education
American Association of Community Colleges
American Association of State Colleges and Universities
Association of American Universities
Association of Community College Trustees
National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities
National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
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