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The Honorable Edward Kennedy
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Re: Nutrition Labeling and Education Act, HR 3642, HR 1662

Dear Representative Kennedy:

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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
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John Dingell

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Honorable James A. Baker III
Chief of Staff
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Congress is expected this week to approve the final conference report on education reform legislation, the "Neighborhood Schools Improvement Act."

The Alliance would urge the President to sign the bill as an initial step in the long-term agenda of education reform. The bill resulted from a process initiated by the President three years ago when he announced the national education goals. The Congress would not have undertaken this effort without the President having proposed his "America 2000" initiative. The President deserves credit for codifying the six education goals, establishing the National Education Goals Panel in law, and authorizing a process to develop voluntary, national standards and assessments.

I understand that this bill presents a difficult political decision for the President, because the Congress was not responsive to the Administration's views on such issues as school choice. However, we believe, on balance, that national education reform is furthered enough by this bill to justify the President's support.

Attached is a copy of the letter we sent to congressional leaders supporting final passage of the bill. If the bill passes the Congress, I urge your counsel for the President to sign it.

Sincerely,

William H. Kolberg
President

cc: Roger Porter
Assistant to the President
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Honorable Robert Dole
Minority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Dole:

I am writing to express support of the National Alliance of Business for approval of the final conference report on education reform legislation, the "Neighborhood Schools Improvement Act."

Constructive federal action to stimulate education reform at the state and local levels has been an important goal for the Alliance, representing thousands of business leaders involved in education improvement around the country. We believe that this bill is a constructive effort to legislate the education reform agenda initiated by the President and the governors in Charlottesville, Virginia, which first established national education goals. We recognize that the bill is not ideal, but it represents a critical step toward achieving the goals.

From a business perspective, the key contributions of the bill would be to codify the national education goals into law and to establish federal objectives to help meet the goals. The bill would formally create the National Education Goals Panel, and, most important, would authorize the Panel to develop a system of voluntary, national education standards and assessments. Federal grants to local school districts and schools would be awarded competitively based on state and local plans for comprehensive school restructuring which would be developed with business participation. Schools must show gains in academic achievement or funds are cut off, establishing accountability and responsibility for school reform at the local level.

We view this bill as one important step in the bipartisan effort to improve American education. We commend your efforts to shape and complete a bill in this Congress, and urge your support for final enactment into law.

Sincerely,

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President

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October 2, 1992

JAMES BAKER
White House
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Re: Campaign Strategy
Education, S-2

Dear Mr Baker:

The strongest supporters of President Bush are members of the religious community. At my church, which happens to be Baptist, and at a neighboring charismatic church, and at Catholic churches across Long Island, citizen committees are quietly and independently registering hundreds of voters. I think it is going on across the country - individuals across the country are motivated by the liberal attack on family values, and Clinton's liberal agenda.

Don't rely on the media. Between 250,000 and 1/2 million pro-life people from across America gathered at the Washington Monument in April '90, the largest rally in the history of Washington, and the Washington Post didn't know it was going on. They didn't cover the story. They are not in touch with main stream America.

President Bush's pole woes stem from his compromise with the liberals in Congress - the tax deal. Then he alienated the blue collar and lower rung workers with his "Quota Bill" compromise. That element of the Reagan Democrats feel betrayed, and are the most strident Bush critics that I meet. If compromising with the liberals in Congress was the key to popularity, he would be immensely popular.

By compromising, Bush won not one friend in the liberal media.

President Bush's remaining strength is those middle Americans that the media calls the religious right. These are the people who home school, or send their children to religious private schools, or have friends who do, because of family values - values which are the antithesis of Ted Kennedy and the liberal agenda.

If Bush compromises and does not veto S-2, the Kennedy education bill, he will stab his last remaining supporters in the back. If they are stabbed in the back, they won't make it to the polls.

Yours truly,



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Will Bush Sign Kennedy Education Bill?

Conservatives on Capitol Hill were alarmed last week by reports that White House Chief of Staff Jim Baker, against the wishes of the Department of Education, had reversed a previous veto threat and was signaling that the President would sign the conference report on S 2, the Ted Kennedy-sponsored education bill.

Presidential support for the bill, which is expected to emerge from a House-Senate conference committee sometime this week, would be a disaster, Senate sources told HUMAN EVENTS.

Major elements of the President's own education initiative — most notably, private school choice — have been stripped from the bill. Even worse, from the standpoint of conservatives, is what will be in it.

Particularly damaging is the creation of a 29-member board, heavily dominated by organized labor and other liberal groups, that will for the first time set *national* teacher certification standards. Membership would include the Secretaries of Labor and Education, as well as 27 other members, of whom nine would be appointed by the Speaker of the House (Tom Foley [D.-Wash.]), nine by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate (Robert Byrd [D.-W.Va.]), and nine by the President of the United States.

That means that even if Bush wins re-election, nearly two-thirds are likely to be appointed by Democrats. What's more, the bill specifies that nine of the 27 are to be chosen from organized labor and another nine from school personnel, many of whom could be members of the National Education Association or other teachers' unions.

The board will also form the nucleus of a new bureaucracy, with a full-time executive director, an initial budget of \$15 million a year, plus the authority to requisition other staffers from the Departments of Labor and Education.

Still another board, called the National Education Goals Panel, would lay the groundwork for a nationalized curriculum.