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Dear Members of the Washington State Congressional Delegation:

On behalf of the Washington education community, representing school districts across our state, I urge you to protect federal funding for public schools in the FY26 Labor-HHS-Education appropriations bill, and to ensure those funds are delivered to Washington districts on time, by July 1.

Currently Washington receives approximately \$315.0 million in Title I, Part A; \$33 million in Title II, Part A (Supporting Effective Instruction); and \$20.6 million in Title III (English Language Acquisition).

Title I is critical to supporting low-income and struggling students across the state. Title II helps maintain high-quality instruction by funding professional development, mentoring for new teachers, and training in modern instructional practices. Title III supports English learners so they can reach proficiency and meet our academic standards.

The cuts in H.R. 5304, including a proposed \$3.78 billion reduction to Title I and elimination of Title II and Title III, would jeopardize these essential supports for many Washington students. Meanwhile, the bipartisan FY26 proposal advanced by the Senate preserves critical education funding and retains the longstanding schedule for release of funds on July 1.

As negotiations continue, please support the funding levels and policy language in the Senate bill. Investing in K–12 education now is an investment in the future of Washington’s communities and children.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to public education in Washington.

Sincerely,

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