



April 27, 2020

The Honorable Grace Meng
2209 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Meng,

We are writing on behalf of the Association of California School Administrators and the California School Boards Association (ACSA-CSBA Federal Partnership) in support of H.R. 6563, the Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020.

The ACSA-CSBA Federal Partnership seeks to prepare students for success and to equip all young people with the knowledge and skills required for college, the workforce, and civic engagement by creating a coherent system of equitable funding and continuous improvement for our schools that serve nearly 6.2 million students. Our focus, and the focus of the California K-12 education system, is on providing every student with the instruction and support they need for success in college and the workforce. The widespread impact of COVID-19 places this work in jeopardy.

To support the transition to online learning for all students, school districts require at least \$2 billion from the E-rate program to help address the “homework gap,” the reality that too many students do not have the internet access or technology necessary at home to make online instruction a viable alternative while schools remain closed and as education programs are re-tooled in order to reopen schools. We support the Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020 for making a significant investment in meeting the needs of students and urge its adoption.

We thank you for your ongoing leadership in shepherding our nation through these difficult times. Please don't hesitate to contact Alex Perry at Foresight Law + Policy at alex.perry@flpadvisors.com or (202) 431-7221, with additional questions, concerns, or information requests.

Sincerely,

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