STATEMENT OF 47 EDUCATION AND LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS ON THE HOUSE’S APPROVAL OF $300 MILLION FOR THE EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND AS PART OF THE BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

November 29, 2021

“We very much appreciated the House approving in the Build Back Better Act an additional $300 million for the Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF), which has already provided home broadband connections to millions of K-12 students, educators, and library patrons. Their vote occurred just after the Federal Communications Commission’s announcement that it had received applications for more than 90% of the $7.17 billion originally appropriated for ECF, which demonstrates strong current demand as well as a continuing need for further investments in bridging the homework gap. While we welcome this additional investment, more funds are needed to ensure that the approximately 6 million home broadband connections, created and funded through ECF dollars, do not go dark when ECF funding runs out. We urge Congress and the Administration to provide additional funding so that the ECF program can continue its important work of keeping our nation’s K-12 students, educators, and library patrons connected to learning.”

AASA, The School Superintendents Association  
All4Ed  
American Federation of School Administrators  
American Library Association  
American Psychological Association  
American School Counselor Association  
Association of Educational Service Agencies  
Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents  
Association of School Business Officials International  
Children’s Health Fund  
Code.org  
Committee for Children  
Common Sense  
CoSN, Consortium for School Networking  
Council of Administrators of Special Education  
Council of Chief State School Officers  
Education Reform Now  
Family Centered Treatment Foundation  
First Focus Campaign for Children  
Joint National Committee for Languages  
KIPP Public Schools  
Learning Forward  
Magnet Schools of America  
MENTOR  
National Association for Family, School and Community Engagement
National Association for Pupil Transportation
National Association of Elementary School Principals
National Association of Federally Impacted Schools
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of Secondary School Principals
National Association of State Boards of Education
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Catholic Educational Association
National Council for Languages and International Studies
National Council for the Social Studies
National Council of Teachers of English
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
National Education Association
National Rural Education Advocacy Consortium
National Rural Education Association
National School Boards Association
Project Tomorrow
Public Advocacy for Kids
Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition
State Educational Technology Directors Association (SETDA)
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