Join us in supporting our gifted & talented students!

Retain funding for the Javits Gifted & Talented Program

*This is a programmatic request*

Dear Colleague:

There is abundant evidence that the nation’s high-ability students are not keeping pace academically with their peers across the world. In a global economy that depends on the availability of skilled and knowledgeable workers, this is particularly troublesome. That is why we must continue or commitment of funding the Jacob K. Javits Gifted and Talented Students Education Act, the only federal program dedicated to addressing the unique learning needs of gifted students.

We ask you to join us in signing a letter to the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee asking it to retain current funding for the Javits Gifted and Talented program at $7.5 million.

The Javits program focuses on development and dissemination of research-based strategies and practices that school districts can use to improve instruction and learning for this special population of children, and, importantly, strategies that can benefit all students in the classroom. Javits-funded research results have helped school districts to increase student achievement. Now, we must renew our commitment to this small but effective program to ensure that our gifted and talented students are able to reach their full potential – not only for themselves, but for our future.

Please support our nation’s gifted children by signing the attached letter to the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriations Subcommittee. The deadline to sign is C.O.B. Thursday, April 6, 2011. If you have any questions or wish to sign this letter please contact Kenneth Steinhardt in Mr. Gallegly’s office at 5-5811 or John Hollay in Mr. Courtney’s office at 5-2076.

Sincerely,

Elton Gallegly
Member of Congress

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