



December 8, 2017

The Honorable Ted Cruz (R-TX)
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Cruz,

Thank you for your leadership in including in the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* a provision to expand 529 college savings accounts to include K-12 tuition.

More than 70 organizations represented on this letter reflect the broad and deep support for expanding American families' access to education options through 529 savings plans. If included in the final law, this will mark the first legislative expansion of nationwide private school choice in 20 years.

529 savings plans in their current form have been extremely popular; 13 million savings plans with assets totaling nearly \$300 billion have been established to date. More than seventy-five percent of these savings plans are held by families with household incomes of \$150,000 or less, illustrating the importance of tax-advantaged education savings to working-class and middle-income families.

Since the House and Senate versions of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* both include provisions expanding 529 savings plans to elementary and secondary school tuition, we urge you to help ensure this important reform remains in the final version approved by Congress.

Respectfully submitted,

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