

# OPEN LETTER OF SUPPORT BETSY DEVOS FOR U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

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Betsy DeVos is an undisputed champion of families and students. For nearly 30 years she has devoted time and resources to improving education options for our nation's children. Yet millions still languish in failing schools in an education system more than a century old. It's time for a new vision.

Betsy DeVos provides that vision. She embraces innovation, endorses accountability and—most especially—trusts parents to choose what is in their unique child's best interests. She also believes in providing every parent with the resources and choices to pursue those decisions.

On this week, National School Choice Week, we the undersigned endorse this champion of choice and the education reforms needed to improve the future of every child in America. And we strongly advocate for her confirmation as our next U.S. Secretary of Education.

Sincerely,

Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer, State of Florida  
State Senator Chad Barefoot, North Carolina  
State Representative Robert Behning, Indiana  
State Representative Michael Bileca, Florida  
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State Senator Owen Hill, Colorado  
State Representative Paul Lundeen, Colorado  
Pam Mazanec, Member, Colorado State Board of Education  
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State Representative Bob Rankin, Colorado  
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State Senator Michael Roberson, Nevada  
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Alabama Federation for Children  
American Association of Christian Schools  
Arizona Federation for Children  
Frederick Hess, Resident Scholar and Director of Education Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute\*  
American Federation for Children  
Americans for Prosperity  
Americans for Prosperity-Arizona  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Arizona Charter Schools Association  
Black Alliance for Educational Options  
Business Council of Alabama  
CarolinaCAN  
Center for Arizona Policy  
Children's Education Alliance of Missouri (CEAM)  
Civitas-North Carolina  
EdChoice  
Educate Nebraska  
Empower Mississippi  
Foundation for Excellence in Education  
Florida Charter School Alliance  
Florida Coalition of School Board Members  
Georgia Charter Schools Association  
Great Lakes Education Project (GLEP)  
Hispanic CREO  
Idaho Charter School Network  
Independence Institute  
Independent Women's Voice  
Institute for Better Education  
Institute for Quality Education  
Jeffersonian Project  
Louisiana Association of Business & Industry  
Louisiana Federation for Children  
Mackinac Center for Public Policy  
Maggie's List  
Missouri Education Reform Council (MERC)  
National Alliance for Public Charter Schools  
Parents for Choice in Education  
Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC)  
Pennsylvania Coalition for Public Charter Schools  
Public School Options  
Ready Colorado

\*Signing as an individual. AEI as the organization does not take a stance on such matters.

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