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Honorable Rush Holt United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-3012

Dear Congressman Holt:

Legislation that establishes an award that recognizes excellent elementary and secondary school teachers is certainly worthwhile. Excellent teachers are not only critical for student learning, but also are important for inspiring and mentoring students so that they can make more informed decisions about future academic endeavors. I certainly know this is true in the field of mathematics. I support your bill HR 5140 wholeheartedly.

Sincerely,

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