

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Chairman
House Committee on Appropriations
H-218, The Capitol Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David R. Obey
Ranking Member
House Committee on Appropriations
1016 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Lewis and Ranking Member Obey,

We are writing to ask for your support for the Women's Educational Equity Act. The WEEA was created in 1974 by our late colleague Rep. Patsy Mink (D-HI) to encourage equality for women, and help institutions fund the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. It provides practical resources such as training and materials to help women and girls succeed in the educational system.

Congress has a strong record of funding this program in the past. WEEA was appropriated \$2,980,000 in the Omnibus Appropriations Bills for the past two years, and \$3,000,000 for 2002 and 2003. For 2006, the version of the Labor HHS bill that has passed committee in the Senate includes \$3,000,000 of funding for WEEA.


We strongly encourage you to follow the Senate's lead, and support funding of this program as this bill enters conference. WEEA is an integral program for many institutions, helping women all over the country achieve equality in the educational system. Please join us in honoring the memory of our friend Patsy Mink by supporting funding for WEEA.


Sincerely,


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