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The Honorable Bobby Scott  
Chairman  
House Education & Labor Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Virginia Foxx  
Ranking Member  
House Education & Labor Committee  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Scott and Ranking Member Foxx,

I write today to offer our support for the education and connectivity funding in the American Rescue Plan. In addition to the funding from the CARES Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA), the funds from the American Rescue Plan will help schools through the remainder of this pandemic and set on a path in a post-COVID world.

As the principal trade association for the education technology industry, our members work with K-12 schools and institutions of higher education to develop and deliver software applications, digital instructional content, online and distance learning services, online assessment, and related technologies for millions of learners across the nation.

The ongoing pandemic will have a long-term impact on schools and our nation's learners. We know that students require even more support from our education system. Our members have worked with educators to help students learn at-home, in-person, and in hybrid environments, with technology solutions playing a significant and meaningful role in allowing students to progress in their studies during the pandemic.

Not only will the American Rescue Plan address existing education equity issues highlighted by the pandemic like access to technology and connectivity but it will also provide important resources to the arts and humanities.

Educational funding should be a critical component of relief legislation. We also endorse provisions that provide support for the unemployed and funding to increase vaccinations to help begin rebuilding the economy and get America back to work.

Strong leadership from the Congress is critical to lead us into a post-pandemic world. We're pleased to offer our support for the education and connectivity provisions in the American Rescue Plan.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sara Kloek".

Sara Kloek  
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