

## Write a Letter to the Editor about the Education for All Act

*“One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world”*

- Nobel Peace Laureate Malala Yousafzai

Before this Congress heads home at the end of the year, they have a chance to make a lasting difference in the lives of millions of children. Even in the wake of such a divisive election, the issue of global education brings together members of Congress from both sides of the aisle. By passing the Education for All Act of 2016, lawmakers can move us a step closer to a world where every child has access to the education she deserves.

The Education for All Act ([S. 3256 / H.R. 4481](#)) requires the U.S. government to develop a comprehensive strategy to improve access to quality education for children and youth in low-income countries. It will address the barriers that right now prevent kids from getting into school and succeeding once they're there.

This bipartisan bill was passed by the House of Representatives earlier this fall. Now it's the Senate's turn to take up the legislation.

The power of education for a child, a community, and the world is clear. We know that when children receive a quality education, they are healthier, achieve higher wages, and are less likely to be targets for trafficking and forced labor. But the latest data shows that 263 million children and youth are still out of school worldwide. The Education for All Act makes sure the U.S. government does its part to address this crisis.

The U.S. government has long been a leader in supporting developing countries as they work to educate their children. But more must be done to increase the effectiveness and impact of this work. This legislation will make our response more coordinated, efficient, and effective, maximizing resources to provide quality education for millions. The bill has a particular focus on girls' education and children affected by conflict and other emergencies. Crucially, the bill calls for U.S. support for the Global Partnership for Education, the only multilateral partnership exclusively focused on ensuring access to quality education for all.

There is just over a month before this Congress heads home for good. Sending the Education for All Act to the President's desk should be on their final to-do list for the good of the country, the good of the world, and the good of the future.

## Why write a letter to the editor?

Writing a letter to the editor is a great way to encourage members of Congress to take action before the end of the year. Your senators and representatives are reading your local paper, and they need to hear from you. After the election, there's even more reason to remind our leaders that we're counting on them to act. Even one published letter can make a big difference!

### Tips

- Keep your letter short. Check your newspaper for their length requirements, or simply keep the letter to 150-200 words.
- Make the letter personal. Customize with your own ideas, examples, and passion.
- Keep a look out for your letter in print and, if you're published, share on social media and with your members of Congress.
- Let RESULTS staff know you've been published, too!

### Sample LTE

To the Editor:

Before this Congress heads home at the end of the year, they have a chance to make a lasting difference in the lives of millions of children.

As Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala reminds us, "One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world." But right now a staggering 263 million children and youth around the world are still out of school.

The bipartisan Education for All Act (S. 3256 / H.R. 4481) will enable the U.S. to do its part to help tackle this crisis. The House of Representatives came together to pass this bill earlier in the fall, and now it's the Senate's turn to do the same.

On the heels of a divisive election, this is Congress' change to come together in support of a brighter future.

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