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The Honorable Bill Cassidy
Chair
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
and Pensions
U.S. Senate
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Bernie Sanders
Ranking Member
Committee on Health, Education, Labor
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U.S. Senate
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
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Dear Chair Cassidy and Ranking Member Sanders,

On behalf of the Job Creators Network (JCN), the country's leading conservative small business organization, I am writing to express support for Linda McMahon's confirmation to serve as the next Secretary of Education. Mrs. McMahon's extensive experience in business, public service, and education advocacy makes her uniquely qualified to lead the Department of Education and address the pressing challenges facing America's education system today.

Mrs. McMahon has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to advancing educational opportunities. During her tenure on the Connecticut State Board of Education and as a member of the Board of Trustees at Sacred Heart University, she worked to improve educational access and quality, while also supporting innovative programs that prepare students for success in a rapidly evolving economy.

Her advocacy for education freedom policies—including expanding charter schools and empowering parents to direct their children's education—aligns with the urgent need to foster innovation in our schools, ensuring families have access to diverse educational pathways tailored to individual student needs. Job Creators Network and our Education Freedom Alliance partners look forward to working with Mrs. McMahon to advance universal education freedom in as many states as possible and give students from all backgrounds the opportunity to get the schooling they deserve.

In addition to her work in traditional education, Mrs. McMahon has championed vocational and technical training as critical components of workforce development. As the former Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration, she is acutely aware of the importance of equipping students with practical skills that prepare them for high-demand careers. Her focus on these alternatives to traditional four-year degrees addresses America's skilled labor shortage while fostering economic mobility for millions of Americans.

Mrs. McMahon also brings a fiscally responsible approach to higher education reform. Her opposition to blanket student loan bailouts reflects a commitment to safeguarding taxpayer dollars while advocating for targeted relief for borrowers defrauded by predatory institutions. Her emphasis on rigorous oversight of the student-loan industry and accountability for loan servicers will ensure borrowers are protected without undermining the integrity of federal aid programs.

Moreover, Mrs. McMahon's philanthropic efforts, including her significant contributions to institutions like Sacred Heart University, underscore her commitment to advancing educational opportunities. Her involvement in initiatives such as the "Get R.E.A.L." program, which delivered positive messages about



education and literacy to young adults, highlights her proactive approach to encouraging academic achievement.

In her role as Secretary of Education, I am confident that Linda McMahon will work tirelessly to implement policies that enhance educational outcomes, promote innovation, and prepare our students to thrive in a competitive global economy. Her unique blend of business acumen and passion for education positions her to effectively lead efforts to reform and revitalize our nation's education system.

I urge the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee to confirm Linda McMahon as Secretary of Education. Her leadership will undoubtedly contribute to a brighter future for America's students and our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Alfredo Ortiz'.

Alfredo Ortiz
Chief Executive Officer
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