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Washington, DC - Congressman Chaka Fattah (D-PA) today applauded a bold move by the National Education Association, the nation's largest teachers union supporting fairness and equity for all of America's children.

Fattah said, "I want to thank the NEA for their strong support of H.R. 5071, the ESEA Fiscal Fairness Act, a bill I introduced to ensure all students have a meaningful opportunity to learn. I have been proud to fight alongside the NEA for years to make sure all students have what they need to learn and teachers have what they need to teach. This is a major step in that fight."

The ESEA Fiscal Fairness Act, which seeks to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, would fix problems in the comparability provision of Title I which is meant to ensure Federal dollars supplement and do not supplant state and local resources and that federal dollars compensate for the additional expense of educating concentrations of children in poverty, instead of subsidizing existing inequities. The bill is expected to be considered as part of the reauthorization of the ESEA this year.

The legislation has attracted broad support from a number of educational and civil rights organizations including The Education Trust, Center for American Progress, National Council of La Raza and the Schott Foundation for Public Education. Other supporters include:

Advance Illinois
Center for American Progress Action Fund
Children's Defense Fund
Citizens' Commission on Civil Rights
Civic Builders
ConnCAN
Democrats for Education Reform
Disciples Justice Action Network
Education Equality Project
Education Reform Now
Forum for Youth Investment
Hope Street Group
League of Education Voters
League of United Latin American Citizens
Mass Insight Education and Research Institute
National Council of La Raza
National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators
National Indian Education Association
National Urban League
The Education Trust
The Mind Trust
The New Teacher Project
Oklahoma Business & Education Coalition
The Schott Foundation for Public Education
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