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TO: MEMBERS, V.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: KENNETH F. MELLEY, DIRECTOR, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
RE: HR 1158, THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT

THE 1.9 MILLION-MEMBER NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION URGES YOU TO VOTE FOR H4 1158, THE FAIR HOUSING AMENDMENTS ACT.

THIS BILL IS NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT AN EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM IS ESTABLISHED TO HANDLE CASES OF HOUSING DISCRIMINATION. HUD ITSELF HAS ESTIMATED THAT TWO MILLION INCIDENTS OF UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION OCCUR ANNUALLY. HR 1158 WOULD ALSO EXTEND FAIR HOUSING COVERAGE TO PROTECT DISABLED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN.

NEA SUPPORTS THE BILL AND OPPOSES AMENDMENTS TO LIMIT THE CLASSES OF PROTECTED INDIVIDUALS OR TO OTHERWISE WEAKEN THE BILL. VOTES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS BILL MAY BE USED IN NEA'S LEGISLATIVE REPORT CARD FOR THE 100TH CONGRESS.

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