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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
721 CAPITOL MALL, SACRAMENTO 95814

August 8, 1974

The Honorable Augustus Hawkins
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Gus:

Now that the long effort to extend and amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act has come to a conclusion, I want to express my personal appreciation, and that of our department to you and your staff for all your hard and creative work on this monumental legislation.

As I know you are well aware, the programs which H.R. 69 initiates, extends, and broadens are extremely important to our educational system. You have rendered a real service to the schools of our state through your strong and effective participation in its design and passage.

With my warm regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wilson Riles".

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WILSON RILES
Superintendent of Public Instruction
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STATE EDUCATION BUILDING, 721 CAPITOL MALL, SACRAMENTO 95814

July 26, 1974

The Honorable Augustus Hawkins
Member of Congress
Room 2350, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Gus:

I urge your full support of the conference report on H. R. 69, the Act to amend and extend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and other education programs.

H. R. 69 continues a number of programs, such as Title I of ESEA, which are of great importance to the school children of our state. It revises the Title I formula to provide a more suitable treatment for California schools.

In addition, it substantially improves and expands the bilingual education program, and it authorizes a very significant increase in funding for education of the handicapped. The latter provision will greatly aid us in solving the problems in California raised by recent court suits by assisting us to meet the needs of all handicapped children through our new State Special Education Master Plan.

The Act also consolidates several of the present categorical education programs, an action which we have urged for years.

If you or your staff should need further information about any of these provisions, or their effects on our State, you are invited to contact my Deputy Superintendent for Congressional Relations, Mr. Don White, in our Department's Washington office at 417 New Jersey Avenue, S. E., telephone 546-1900.

I believe that H. R. 69 as reported by the conferees is a good Act, and that its provisions will be of very great benefit to our schools. I very sincerely hope you will support its passage in the House.

With my best personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wilson Riles".

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