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Dear Ms. Beck:

Thank you for your telegram of April 11, in regard to Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

In the pending legislation which has now passed the House, I believe that we provided for the concerns that byou expressed in your letter, specifically the maintaining of the educational innovativeness and the funding levels.

We pointed out in the committee report to the House that (House Report No. 93-805) ... "the expenditure of ... Federal dollars--primarily on innovation--has been invaluable 'seed' money on a local level .... With this in mind the Committee has continued Federal aid for educational innovation ...."

Moreover, to nail the matter down, we added -- as we consolidated programs -- subsection 831(b), which reads as follows:

"Sec. 831.

"(b) It is the purpose of this part to combine within a single authorization, subject to the modifications imposed by the provisions and requirements of this title, the programs authorized by Title III (except for programs of testing, counseling, and guidance) and ..., and funds appropriated to carry out this part must be used only for the same purposes and

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for funding of the same types of programs authorized under those provisions."

We also added a similar subsection (Sec. 821(b)) in respect to the Title testing, counseling, and guidance programs.

Of course, you realize that we, as the substantive legislation and authorizing committee, have no appropriations authority. This actual appropriations of funds must come through the Appropriations Committee. However, we have gone so far in our legislation as to provide that the consolidation will not go into effect unless at least as much money is appropriated for future fiscal years (Sec. 801(c)). For fiscal year 1974, over \$146 million was distributed to the states for Title III purposes.

I trust that you find this letter helpful and responsive to your questions and comments.

Sincerely,

Augustus F. Hawkins

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WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO MAKE SPECIFIC PROVISION FOR THE SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES UNDER ESEA TITLE III TO BE CONTINUED FOR THE COMING YEAR, AND THAT THE INNOVATIVENESS OF ESEA III BE MAINTAINED BY SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE WORDING IN THE NEW LEGISLATION. WE FURTHER URGE THAT THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE ESEA III PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 1975 BE SET AT NO LESS THAN \$146 MILLION. WE FEEL THAT THIS PROGRAM IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT ESEA III IS PROVIDING THE NECESSARY IMPETUS TO INSURE THAT INNOVATION IN EDUCATION IS CONTINUED

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