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Dear _____,

I am writing as a constituent, as an educator, and as a leader in my community to strongly urge you to support a \$500 million increase for Title II, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act in fiscal year 2021 appropriations.

This past spring has seen extraordinary events in our nation and the world, including the wholesale shutdown of our schools and an economic downturn that threatens funding for all social services, including education. Like nearly all of my fellow educators, my school district was forced to transition to online learning with little time and minimal support and it seems likely that online learning will become at least a significant part of how instruction is delivered in the fall. To make online instruction work for students, educators and parents, it is vital that educators have access to professional learning opportunities that provide them the technological and pedagogical skills to deliver high quality teaching online if and when necessary this coming school year.

Title II, Part A, a formula grant program that provides critical funding to states and school districts to prepare, train, recruit, and retain high-quality teachers, principals, assistant principals, and other school leaders, is exactly the program that can help us ensure that all students receive an excellent education online. While the CARES Act allows states and school districts to use their Education Stabilization Fund allocations for professional learning, it remains uncertain that sufficient funding will be available for that need as schools must also use those dollars for a myriad of health and safety priorities. Therefore, I urge you to consider increasing funding Title II, Part A, a program that provides schools with dedicated professional learning money each year, in the forthcoming FY2021 Labor HHS Education Appropriations bill.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that you increase funding for Title II, Part A of ESSA by \$500 million in fiscal year 2021. I and all of our nation's educators and students will benefit and applaud such an important vote in support of public education. Thank you for your consideration and for your support of our nation's educators and students.

Sincerely,
[Educator's name]