

**RESTORE FUNDING FOR THE WOMEN'S EDUCATIONAL EQUITY ACT  
IN THE LABOR/HHS APPROPRIATIONS BILL**

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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE), a nonprofit coalition of more than 50 organizations dedicated to improving educational opportunities for girls and women, we urge you to restore funding for the Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA) as you consider the House Labor/HHS Appropriations bills. It is because we know these funds are vital to the implementation of critical and sound educational standards that **NCWGE recommends that the House agree to** the amendment offered by Rep. Carolyn Maloney to restore WEEA's funding to \$3 million.

WEEA represents the federal commitment to helping schools eradicate sex discrimination from their programs and practices and to ensuring that girls' future choices and successes are determined not by their gender, but by their interests, aspirations, and abilities. Since its inception in 1974, WEEA has funded research, development, and dissemination of curricular materials, including training programs, guidance and testing activities, and other projects to combat inequitable educational practices. WEEA funds grant programs primarily for local implementation of gender-fair policies and educational models. These activities have been important in assisting educational agencies with their obligation to comply with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. Thus, WEEA activities are aligned with the core mission of the No Child Left Behind Act to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Maatz, Director of Public Policy and Government Relations for the American Association of University Women, at 202/785-7720.

Sincerely,



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