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## **Business Roundtable Comments on Commission on No Child Left Behind Report**

**Washington, D.C.** – Business Roundtable President John J. Castellani today issued the following statement in reaction to the Commission on No Child Left Behind’s Report, “Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation’s Children.”

“The bipartisan Commission on No Child Left Behind adds a significant voice to the chorus of business leaders, educators, elected officials and prominent citizens who believe in the fundamental principles of the *No Child Left Behind Act* and are calling on Congress to improve the law by making it even more effective in closing achievement gaps and raising the academic achievement of all students.

“Business Roundtable is urging Congress to improve, strengthen and reauthorize NCLB this year, and the Commission’s report provides important input to inform that process. It clearly acknowledges the importance of the law, recognizes its imperfections, and offers positive recommendations to produce better results. The Commission’s report is yet another step in the right direction toward transforming America’s public education system.

“The Roundtable is particularly pleased with the Commission’s emphasis on the need for students to graduate from high school prepared for college and the workplace. We look forward to working with Commission members and other policy and education leaders to ensure that the U.S. education system prepares students to succeed in our rapidly changing world.”

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