



## COUNCIL OF CHIEF STATE SCHOOL OFFICERS

One Massachusetts Avenue NW • Suite 700 • Washington, DC 20001-1431

Phone (202) 336-7000 • Fax (202) 408-8072

[www.ccsso.org](http://www.ccsso.org)

February 13, 2007

### **CCSSO Agrees That It Is Time to Move *Beyond NCLB***

On behalf of the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO), I am pleased to acknowledge the work of the Commission on No Child Left Behind over the past year, and their inclusion of chief state school officers in almost every hearing across the country. The Commission's report, *Beyond NCLB: Fulfilling the Promise to Our Nation's Children*, recognizes the tremendous responsibilities of states under the current law, not to mention the greater role to be played in the next stage of standards-based reform. Moreover, the report identifies many of the same issues CCSSO recently recommended changes to in reauthorization, including the use of true growth models, increased state-capacity (particularly as it relates to school improvement), and the fair inclusion and assessment of English language learners and students with disabilities, among others.

Gene Wilhoit  
CCSSO Executive Director