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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission on No Child Left Behind

FROM: Chris Whittle

DATE: September 20, 2006

RE: Written Testimony

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony to the Commission on No Child Left Behind.

Attached are two exhibits for the Commission's consideration, both addressing the lack of sufficient federal engagement in research and development in K-12 education. Exhibit I, the text of a November 4, 2005 Op Ed by me in the *Wall Street Journal*, is included here as an executive summary on the topic. Exhibit II is a chapter from my book "*Crash Course: Imagining a Better Future for Public Education*" (Riverhead Books, 2005) which addresses at length how federal legislation must be changed to address educational R&D. In particular, this chapter explores why federal educational R&D funding lags that of other sectors and what might be included in a robust federal R&D agenda.

I hope the Commission finds this information helpful, and I stand ready to assist your work in any way.

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Attachments