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## Commission Statement on House NCLB Draft

Washington, DC—Today the Commission on No Child Left Behind released the following statement regarding the discussion draft of Title I released by the House Education and Labor Committee on August 29, 2007.

We appreciate the Committee's efforts in producing what they have characterized as "a work in progress," and their willingness to have an open process to generate a quality product. The Commission is heartened to see that our recommendation to use growth models in measuring student achievement that require all students to be on track to proficiency within three years was included in the draft. We believe that this will give states needed flexibility in crediting schools that make significant progress with students that have further to go to reach proficiency. We are also encouraged to see that the Committee is going to require and provide assistance to states to assure that they build sufficient data systems for more precisely measuring student achievement that also include a unique teacher identifier for measuring effectiveness in the classroom. It is also important that the draft tightens subgroup – or N-size – requirements to reduce the large numbers of children that remain invisible in state accountability systems.

While the Commission has questions regarding parts of the working draft, we hope to build on the foundation of these and other requirements to strengthen accountability measures for students, improve teacher effectiveness, raise the level of student expectations through improved standards, improve access to choice and tutoring options for eligible students and assure that the benefits of strong NCLB accountability requirements are extended to high schools.

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