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## Statement by the Commission on No Child Left Behind in Response to the State of the Union

WASHINGTON, DC—Tonight the Commission on No Child Left Behind made the following statement in response to the State of the Union.

“We are encouraged that the President continues to be committed to working on the reauthorization of NCLB this year. The longer we wait to reauthorize and improve this law the longer students will wait to get the help they need to ensure that they have access to a high quality education and graduate ready for work and college. In moving forward with improvements and refinements of NCLB, Congress and the Administration must ensure that the law’s strong accountability architecture remains intact.

In reauthorizing NCLB the Commission would like to see the Administration and Congress come together and agree on the following basic principles in order to move a bill forward:

- Acknowledge the signs of progress in education since the passage of NCLB.
- Accept that improvements must be made in NCLB to continue the positive momentum already made.
- Maintain and strengthen NCLB’s principles of accountability and equity.
- Provide accommodations for innovation and compromise.”

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