

FLISA Congressional Letter Draft

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Please review, and I will share this via Google Docs as well. Thanks, Wes!

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The Honorable [Congressman's Name]
[Congressman's Office Address]
[City, State, Zip Code]

Dear Congressman [Last Name],

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you today as a concerned constituent and advocate for education in our community. I would like to bring to your attention the critical importance of Section 7002 Impact Aid funding for our schools and, by extension, our students and families.

Impact Aid is a vital federal program that provides financial assistance to school districts that are affected by federal activities, such as military installations and Indian lands. Section 7002, in particular, addresses the needs of districts that lose property tax revenue due to the presence of federal properties. This funding is essential for maintaining quality education and ensuring that all students have access to the resources they need to succeed.

In our district, the presence of federal installations has a significant impact on our budget. The loss of property tax revenue means that our schools often struggle to provide adequate facilities, hire and retain qualified teachers, and implement essential programs. Without Section 7002 funding, we risk compromising the quality of education that our children receive, which can have long-lasting effects on their academic and social development.

Furthermore, the ongoing challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic have only exacerbated existing disparities in funding and resources. Schools are facing increased demands for mental health services, technology upgrades, and support for students who have fallen behind. Section 7002 funding can play a crucial role in addressing these challenges and ensuring that our schools can continue to meet the needs of all students, regardless of their background or circumstances.

I urge you to advocate for the continued support and expansion of Section 7002 Impact Aid funding. Our schools play a foundational role in shaping the future of our community, and we must ensure they have the resources necessary to provide a high-quality education for every student.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I appreciate your dedication to our community and look forward to seeing positive action taken to support our schools.

Sincerely,

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