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Polis Lauds Democrats' No Child Left Behind Reauthorization Bill for Inclusion of Anti-Bullying Legislation

Education and Workforce Committee Democrats Include Student Non-Discrimination Act

WASHINGTON, DC – Rep. Jared Polis (D-CO) issued the following statement today following the markup of the H.R. 5, the Student Success Act, where Democrats on the Education and Workforce Committee offered their own alternative Elementary and Secondary Education Act reauthorization bill:

“I am particularly encouraged to see that the Student Non-Discrimination Act (SNDA), which would prohibit public schools from discriminating against LGBT students, was included in the Democratic alternative to No Child Left Behind reauthorization for the first time. Along with the Senate’s inclusion of SNDA in their reauthorization bill, this advancement demonstrates that momentum is building to soon pass legislation that will protect LGBT students from bullying and harassment in schools. There is an increasing bipartisan consensus that regardless of what people think of gay marriage or other LGBT issues, schools should be a safe place for all students to learn.”

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