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The Honorable Jared Polis
501 Cannon House Office Building
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Polis:

I am writing to you on behalf of Measured Progress to formally endorse H.R. 5218, the Great Teachers for Great Schools Act of 2010, which you introduced on May 5th. Adoption of your bill would codify research- and evidence-based best practices and would, therefore, serve as an instrumental step in addressing the obvious weaknesses of current widespread approaches to professional development.

Effective professional development—as described in your bill—will play an essential role in improving public education in this country. Every year billions of dollars fund professional development activities that have little or no impact on education quality and student outcomes. The reason is the widespread failure to adopt proven policies and practices underlying productive professional learning. From multiple perspectives—education quality, student success, economic competitiveness, and fiscal responsibility—we must change how we develop, train, and support educators. Your bill—crafted with the input of recognized experts—would lay a solid foundation to achieving that goal.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart R. Kahl".

Stuart R. Kahl, Ph.D.
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