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Dear Congressman Scott,

On behalf of the over 1000 members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Virginia, including your constituents in our Hampton and Newport News branches, I write to you today in your capacity as Ranking Member of the Education and Workforce Committee to ask you to oppose the recent actions of the administration to destroy the Department of Education.

This year, AAUW of Virginia is celebrating its 100th year of advocating for equitable access to public education. The recent actions of the Administration endanger this century of progress, and we fear will send us back to the days of separate but equal — which was anything but.

The President knows he cannot unilaterally dismantle the U.S. Department of Education through executive order; however, this reckless action is part of a deeply troubling agenda to dismantle public education through cuts and chaos. Since most of the DOE’s budget is spent through the Office of Federal Student Aid, by slashing funding, stripping oversight, and creating disorder, this administration is deliberately undermining America’s future leaders’ ability to access and complete higher education. The consequences will be devastating for low-income students, first-generation college-goers, and communities historically marginalized in education.

AAUW calls on Congress to reject this cynical attack on the U.S. Department of Education and to uphold its essential mission: ensuring that every student, regardless of background, has access to a high-quality education. We will not stand idly by as public education is placed on the chopping block. We expect Congress to protect the future of education in America.

The members of AAUW of Virginia know we can count on you to do everything in your power to ensure an education system that respects and nurtures all students. We are happy to meet with you and your staff at any time to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Lane Stone,
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