(Date)

(Name of Senator)

U.S. Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Name,

About 250 million school-aged children around the globe do not have access to quality education, and nearly 60 million primary school aged children are not enrolled in school. Moreover, 500 million adult women are illiterate due to gender discrimination in schools.

I urge you to support the Reinforcing Education Accountability in Development Act or the READ Act for short.

The READ Act is a low-cost, bipartisan initiative that will further advance access to quality basic education globally.

Promoting education around the globe spurs economic growth, strengthens democratic institutions, empowers women and girls and reduces extremism. An educated citizenry also makes weak states less vulnerable to terrorist networks and corruption. Therefore, supporting universal basic education is critical to our national security interests and is an important cornerstone of the National Security Strategy (Defense, Development and Diplomacy).

The READ Act will promote quality education for millions of children which will ensure stability in their lives and safeguard greater security for the United States. This legislation already passed in the House of Representatives in January 2017 and it is now up to the Senate to approve its version of the bill.

I urge you to join Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Dick Durbin (D-IL) and others in cosponsoring the READ Act in order to develop a coordinated, sustainable and aid-effective plan to promote universal basic education.

I would appreciate your reply, and would also like to thank you for taking the time to read my concerns and giving consideration to supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

Your Name

Your Address