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The Honorable Jeb Bush  
Governor  
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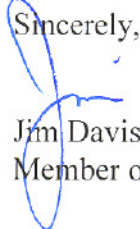
Dear Governor Bush:

According to news reports, this month the State plans to submit to the U.S. Department of Education a revised plan on how Florida's schools will meet the "Adequate Yearly Progress" requirements under the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB). As you may recall, on May 19<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> of last year, I wrote encouraging you to revise the plan to eliminate the confusion created by the two contradicting systems of accountability – the Florida A+ Plan and NCLB. I applaud you for finally recognizing the need to correct this problem.

As you move through the process of amending the State plan filed with the U.S. Department of Education, I strongly urge you to make sure that the students the NCLB Act was intended to protect are not adversely impacted by your recommended changes. We must ensure that our schools are helping less advantaged students meet higher standards.

Once again, I would like to reiterate my desire to work with you on any legislative changes that might be needed to the No Child Left Behind Act to guarantee that our schools are held to high standards while minimizing the contradiction between the state and federal accountability programs. I look forward to hearing your recommendations.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Davis  
Member of Congress

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