

CHAIRMAN MILLER STATEMENT
ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT PLAN

Good afternoon. I welcome all of you today to discuss the first item on our agenda, the Education and Labor Committee's Oversight and Investigation plan for the 110th Congress.

Pursuant to House Rules, we are required to formally and publicly adopt an oversight plan for our Committee, a plan that I believe represents our commitment to the development, health and safety of the Nation's workers, students and children.

In presenting this plan for adoption by the full Committee, Ranking Member McKeon and I are in agreement that oversight is a constitutional responsibility of the Congress and a core objective of our Committee.

Among our many oversight objectives for this Congress, the Education and Labor Committee seeks solutions to make higher education more affordable and accessible to all qualified students. We will examine closely the fee disclosure practices among 401(k) plan sponsors and the laws, regulations and practices affecting all our Nation's workers. Our Committee will examine the implementation and funding priorities of the 5-year-old No Child Left Behind Act as we work together to reauthorize that law.

I want to be very clear that this plan in no way limits our authority to review and investigate all matters within our Committee's jurisdiction. Ranking Member McKeon and I have agreed to implement this plan, as well as our Committee's response to any new, emerging oversight issues, in a prudent, bipartisan manner.

Now, without any objections, I ask that we adopt this plan by unanimous consent.

Thank you.