



Sunset Caucus

## Waste Action Alert

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### **Eliminate Ineffective and Unnecessary Federal Education Programs**

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**Program or Item Targeted:** H.R. 2274, sponsored by Rep. Howard McKeon (CA-25) would eliminate 68 ineffective, duplicative, or unnecessary federal education programs run throughout the Departments of Education, Labor, HHS, as well as the EPA, and other federal agencies.

**One-Year Cost of Program or Item:** Eliminating these programs would save more than \$1.3 billion a year.

**Background on Program or Item to Be Sunseted:** There are currently many education programs that are duplicative, ineffective, or have not been able to demonstrate results. One example is the “Comprehensive School Reform” program, which was recommended for elimination by the Bush Administration because the program duplicates activities under the No Child Left Behind Act. There is also the “Smaller Learning Communities” program, which was not found to have demonstrated results by the Office of Management and Budget. The list goes on and on.

**Why This Program or Item Is Wasteful:** In order to keep America’s students and schools competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we must focus resources on programs that work and directly serve students. A number of the targeted programs in the Priorities in Education Spending Act have been recommended for elimination after national evaluations deemed them ineffective or without demonstrated results. Some of the programs have never been funded by Congress. Others were pet projects created by Members of Congress or by past Administrations. These programs are highly restrictive, serving only a limited group of students, or are duplicative of existing, larger federal education programs.

**MEMBER ACTION ITEM:** Rep. Howard McKeon (CA-25) has introduced H.R. 2274, the Priorities in Education Spending Act. The Priorities in Education Spending Act cuts 68 wasteful education programs, saves \$1.3 billion annually, and shows the American people we are serious about taking steps toward bringing federal spending down. Members are encouraged to cosponsor H.R. 2274 by contacting Alan Tennille at [Alan.Tennille@mail.house.gov](mailto:Alan.Tennille@mail.house.gov).

If you would like to participate in eliminating wasteful programs with the RSC Sunset Caucus, please e-mail [Brad.Watson@mail.house.gov](mailto:Brad.Watson@mail.house.gov).

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working to sunset programs that taxpayers shouldn’t be paying for.”*

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