



November 7, 2021

The Hon. _____ Senator Dianne Feinstein
U.S. House of Representatives United States Senate
The Capitol The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510 Washington, DC 20510

Senator Alex Padilla
United States Senate
The Capitol
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Re: Cosponsor the Keeping Girls in School Act (H.R. 4134/S. 2276)

Dear Members of Congress,

As your constituent, I write to ask you to cosponsor the Keeping Girls in School Act (H.R.4134/S.2276). This bipartisan bill calls on our government to continue investments in quality and equitable education and promotes girls' empowerment and economic security. It leverages existing funds to support partnerships between federal agencies and external partners and encourages innovative approaches to financing girls' education. Furthermore, this bill seeks to complement existing legislation and guidance on education and child marriage as currently implemented in U.S. programs and foreign policy.

According to a report by the World Bank, less than two-thirds of girls complete primary education in low-income countries, and only one in three completes lower secondary school. The United Nations estimates that 130 million girls ages 6 to 17 were out of school before the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic. Recent assessments show that 11 million more girls will not return to school due to interruptions to education caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As you know, education is a major contributor to economic development. I am really concerned that when millions of girls lack basic education, their families and communities will miss out on their economic contributions. I urge you to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

(Print Name) _____

Address _____
