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# SRCD Signs on to Friends of IES Letter on FY 2023 Appropriations

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SRCD signed on to a Friends of IES letter that requests a funding increase for the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2023. Addressed to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House and Senate Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittees, the letter expressed appreciation for the increase in funding for IES in FY 2022 and emphasized the importance of continued investments in research and statistical infrastructure to build capacity in key areas in FY 2023.

The letter notes, “With appreciation for the boost provided in FY 2022, additional funding for [Research, Development, and Dissemination] is essential to support needed research in foundational and emerging areas in education, including measures and assessments for career and technical education; the development and testing of education technology products that can personalize instruction; and approaches to teacher recruitment, retention, certification, assessment, and compensation. In

addition, [Research, Development, and Dissemination] funding is critical for research and synthesis of effective practices to help improve education and better support the achievement of our nation's students, including addressing persistent learning gaps that existed prior to, and have been exacerbated by, COVID-19.”

The Friends of IES is a coalition of more than 40 scientific associations, education organizations, universities, and research institutions committed to supporting the Institute of Education Sciences' (IES) research, data, statistics, and evaluation programs.

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