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Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington DC 20010

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they teach and support, we urge you to VOTE NO on the General Services Administration (GSA) Prospectus (POP-0001-MU26) to relocate the Department of Energy (DOE) into the Department of Education headquarters (known as the LBJ Building). The proposed relocation would permanently repurpose the department's headquarters and continue the Trump administration's ill-advised, dangerous dismantlement of the Department of Education. Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's report card for the 119th Congress.

Thus far, the administration has eliminated more than 1,400 Department of Education (ED) positions, impairing the ability of staff members to carry out the department's statutory responsibilities. The administration has pursued a strategy that has circumvented Congress. Since these efforts began nearly two years ago, NEA members have been outspoken in warning that the upheaval would destabilize the public schools that 90% of America's students, in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike, attend.

As you know, the prospectus does not require approval by the full Senate or House. Only the committees of jurisdiction are required to approve. If the Committee on Environment and Public Works passes the prospectus, the relocation can move forward, with no opportunity for additional consideration by Congress. This makes your vote even more crucial.

Part of the rationale for the relocation is to save money, yet approximately $215 million in federal funding will be required for DOE to move into the ED headquarters because among the many renovations planned, parts of the building must be retrofitted to provide the secure spaces DOE requires. In addition, ED has spent untold amounts to detail and relocate staff to other federal agencies, including paying for transportation and office renovations. Allowing DOE to move into the LBJ Building would permanently deny ED the opportunity to rebuild the department and reunite staff members—now scattered across various federal buildings—so that they may collaborate efficiently to further the department's work.

Please VOTE NO on the GSA prospectus. Your vote would help to preserve the Department of Education's ability to rebuild and repair its operations and uphold our nation's mission of protecting students' access to a public education that inspires their curiosity and desire to learn.
Sincerely,



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