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Support H.R. 899 to Abolish the Department of Education

URGENT UPDATE: On May 22, 2025, a federal judge in Boston blocked President Trump's efforts to drastically scale down and abolish the Department of Education. This is why now more than ever Congress must act to codify Trump's executive order to shutdown the Department of Education. Contact and urge your U.S. representative and senator to support H.R. 899, which would codify into law the abolition of the Department of Education.

On May 22, 2025, a federal judge in Boston blocked President Trump's efforts to drastically scale down and abolish the Department of Education. On March 20, 2025, President Trump signed an executive order directing the secretary of education to "take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return authority over education to the States and local communities." Trump is the first president since the department's creation to take any substantial action toward eliminating it. Despite this order, however, Trump still needs congressional approval to abolish the Department of Education — and legislation to do so has already been introduced.

In fact, members of Congress are seeking to pass <u>legislation to terminate</u> the unconstitutional and Deep State-controlled Department of Education (DoE). <u>H.R. 899</u> is sponsored by U.S. Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) and cosponsored by 27 other representatives.

In an <u>video interview</u> with *The New American* magazine, Congressman Massie explained the importance of his bill; he <u>said</u>:

My bill, H.R. 899, is pretty simple. It's one sentence. It says on December 31, 2026, "The Department of Education shall terminate." We don't get into the fine points of what happens to all

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of it. We can decide what to do with that. If there are any student loans that remain, Treasury could manage those. The school-lunch program is already in [the U.S. Department of Agriculture]. The Head Start program is already in [Health and Human Services]. There's a lot of things that people think are at the Department of Education that actually aren't. And then if you have any civil rights issues, people say, oh, well, what about that? Well, those things are enforced in the courts anyway. You don't need a Department of Education to do it. So, just abolish it.

And writing in support of a previous iteration of this bill, Rep. Massie <u>tweeted</u> on X:

I have introduced a bill to terminate the Department of Education.

There is no Constitutional authority for this federal bureaucracy to exist.

Abolishing the DoE is essential for multiple reasons. First, **nowhere does the <u>U.S. Constitution</u> give the federal government any authority over education policy.** Under the <u>10th Amendment</u>, education policy lies with the states and the people. By its very existence and shaping of U.S. education policy, the DoE violates the Constitution.

Additionally, the federalization of U.S. education policy is enabling spread of curriculum that promotes leftist values, historical revisionism, and uniform math and reading standards intended to confound and dumb down students. These include <u>Common Core</u> and the <u>Every Student Succeeds Act</u> that codified the former.

The Left understands that if it can control our children's education, it will control the future. Having a centralized education department under their influence makes it significantly easier for the Left to accomplish its goals. These damaging policies have persisted since the department's creation, and simply electing a Republican president will not fix any of them.

The solution is to <u>abolish</u> the DoE and its accompanying bureaucracy and programs, none of which are legal to begin with. Doing so would not only be a major step toward obeying the Constitution, but it would deprive the Deep State of a major tool that it is using to indoctrinate the next generations with Marxist and anti-Americanist ideology.

Tell your U.S. representative and senators to support H.R. 899 and to completely remove the federal government out of education policy.