



ACTION ALERT

Please Contact Congressional Representatives Tell Them to Vote “YES” on H.R. 10

The Scholarships for Opportunity and Results Act of 2015 (SOAR Act) reauthorizes the popular scholarship program benefitting low-income families in the District of Columbia through 2022.

The SOAR Act helps all District of Columbia schools by making \$20 million available in scholarships for low-income families in the nation’s capital to use at non-public schools. It also provides \$40 million for public schools and charter schools in District of Columbia.

Reauthorization of the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program means that families in the nation’s capital would continue to have the option of selecting a school that best fits the educational needs of their children.

The SOAR Act swiftly passed the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on October 9 and is scheduled for a floor vote on October 21. Tell representatives to vote YES on H.R. 10.

What is the SOAR Act of 2015?

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What is the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program?

The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program is a popular and effective initiative that has provided a quality private school education to nearly 6,200 very low-income children within the District of Columbia since its inception in 2004.

Who benefits from the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program?

Since its inception in 2004, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has allowed nearly 6,200 low-income children within the District of Columbia the chance at a quality private school education. The majority of D.C. Opportunity Scholarship students come from single-parent families and the average household income is approximately \$22,000 per year. Nearly half of the students enrolled in the program this year live in Wards 7 and 8 of the District, the most economically challenged areas, and almost all of them, 99.7 percent, would otherwise be zoned for what has been classified as a “School in Need of Improvement.” The Opportunity Scholarship Program gives families the choice to send their children to a school that is the best fit for their needs.

Contact Congressional Representatives now!

Tell them to “Vote YES on H.R. 10”

A recent study on use of social media for advocacy efforts published in the [USA Today](#) reported that, “More than a third of the congressional aides surveyed said it would take less than 10 posts on social media for their office to pay attention to what people were saying about their boss's statements or actions on an issue.”

Your voice matters! Take to social media and be the voice for low-income children.

Sample tweets are below:

@HouseGOP Give DC children a path out of poverty through educational equality. Vote YES on #HR10.

@HouseGOP Give parents a choice and children a chance! Vote YES on #HR10.

@HouseGOP, vote YES on #HR10.

@HouseDemocrats, vote YES on #HR10! \$60 million will be available for public schools, charter schools & scholarships for non-public schools

@HouseDemocrats, equality in education remains our great unfinished business. Vote YES on #HR10!

@HouseDemocrats, education is the civil rights issue of our time. Vote for fairness and justice for all DC children. Vote YES on #HR10!

Don't take a step back on educational advancements. Vote YES on #HR10 and reauthorize @DCosp.
#DCOSP

@DCosp gives families the choice to send their children to a school that is the best fit for their needs.