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The Honorable Lamar Alexander
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions
428 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Alexander:

I am writing to extend my support for Betsy DeVos, President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for secretary of education. As Lieutenant Governor of Mississippi, I know the importance of ensuring that every student has access to a truly revolutionary education, regardless of the zip code in which they live or the income level of their parents. Mrs. DeVos's ardent dedication to this principle, along with her passion for innovative and transformational educational opportunities, will be a fundamental change that our students so desperately need.

I also know that fighting for what is best for students often means being in opposition to the entrenched interests of the status quo. Mrs. DeVos's continued commitment to ensuring that every student has access to a school that best serves their needs – regardless of the delivery model or the school governance structure – gives me utmost confidence in her nomination and subsequent position.

Again, I am pleased to support the nomination of Betsy DeVos for secretary of education and look forward to the sense of urgency she will bring to improving public education in our nation. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tate Reeves".

Tate Reeves
Lieutenant Governor