



House Committee on Education and the Workforce Ranking Member Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

## Vote "NO" on Extreme Republicans' Mean-Spirited Bill that Threatens to Take Away Funding from Schools

Extreme MAGA Republicans continue to deflect and distract, rather than take any meaningful action to keep students safe in school.

The <u>Scapegoating Not Solutions Act</u> (H.R. 3941) is a mean-spirited bill, authored by extreme MAGA Republicans, that threatens to take away education funding from a school if any its facilities are used to temporarily house asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants. Republican politicians falsely claim this bill is intended to keep students safe and address learning loss. Regrettably, this bill does neither of those things.

Republicans are all talk and *zero action*. In fact, House Republicans have not taken any meaningful steps to help students make up for lost time in the classroom or address violence in schools. Let's check the record.

Problem	Action	Republican Votes
Learning Loss	In 2021, Congressional Democrats and the Biden-Harris administration advanced the <u>American Rescue Plan Act</u> , which provided over \$120 billion dollars for K-12 education to help schools and students recover from the pandemic, 20 percent of which was reserved for addressing learning loss.	ZERO
School Safety	In 2022, Committee Democrats advanced the <u>School Shooting</u> <u>Safety and Preparedness Act</u> , which would have helped us obtain better data on school shootings.	ZERO

This year, alone, we have seen <u>more than 20 school shootings</u> across the country. And, according to the <u>Kaiser</u> <u>Family Foundation</u>, guns are the leading cause of death among children and teens. Parents, teachers, and students are begging Congress to help stop school shootings. Yet, Congressional Republicans continue to ignore them. Any conversation about improving school safety that does not include addressing gun violence is not a serious one.

Don't be distracted by Republicans' rhetoric. There is no credible evidence that taking away education funds to punish schools for being used to temporarily house asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants keeps students safe or addresses learning loss. Rather than confront the real issues facing students and families, extreme MAGA Republicans would rather waste time on meaningless bills and resolutions that scapegoat asylum seekers and undocumented immigrants.