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Representative Tim Walberg
Chairman of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
2266 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Representative Bobby Scott
Ranking Member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce
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Dear Chairman Walberg and Ranking Member Scott,

We, the undersigned educators, parents, community members, and organizations in Loudoun County, are writing in support of the inclusive policies, initiatives, and community that has been created in Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) under the leadership of Dr. Aaron Spence.

Dr. Spence has been a critical part of ensuring that Loudoun County is a desirable place to live and raise a family. Strong and inclusive public schools are not just an essential public good, but also the foundation of a strong community. Dr. Spence is not just an administrator, but the parent of two LCPS students himself. Dr. Spence not only understands the community, but understands that education requires collaboration between students, their parents, their teachers, and school staff to ensure student success.

As community members, we take issue with the premise that trust is broken in America's public schools. Academic success and the thriving school system in Loudoun do not happen by accident. The success is due to the cultivation of trust and acceptance that teachers foster every day in their classrooms. The success is due to the relationships educators build with parents with the common goal of seeing our students succeed. The continuation of this success is because we, as a community, have not let the bigotry and fearmongering of a few be louder than the love and acceptance that we can show children in our community. Promoting an environment of equality and decency, where everyone is respected and treated with dignity, harms no one.

We join this statement in full support of the inclusive school environment fostered in Loudoun County by Dr. Spence. Every student—especially our students of color, our transgender and gender-expansive students, our immigrant students, and our students with disabilities—deserve a safe place to learn where they can grow and thrive. We will continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our community reflects the best that America has to offer when every child has the chance to succeed.

Sincerely,

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