



Dear Congressional Representative,

We are Retired Educators of New York (RENY), an organization that represents over 9,000 retired educators in New York State. We are not lobbyists; we are advocates. Our advocacy spans many issues to improve life for retirees, seniors, educators, students and families in our communities and across our state. Our membership is comprised of Republicans and Democrats as well as independent voters. We are Conservatives and Liberals, and we are very concerned about recent events taking place in Washington in the past month. We are calling upon you to fulfill the responsibility that you have been charged with as a member of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate.

You had a calling to run for the position you serve in; ***to represent the American People and make decisions in every American's best interest.*** It is hard to believe that you may have lost sight of that calling. It is hard to believe that you fully support all the numerous changes being proposed and implemented by the new administration. It is hard to believe that you fully support the way in which the changes are being implemented.

Ask yourself, is it in the best interest of American seniors and American children to reduce funding for Medicaid? Is it in the best interest of American seniors to reduce Medicare and Social Security? Is it in the best interest of eliminating the Federal Education Department affecting funding for our students with special needs and the future of current college students whose loans have been halted or the possibility of acquiring a college loan put in jeopardy? Is it in the best interest of rural America to decrease mail services to those areas?

You must stand up for us without worry or fear of political repercussions. It has been reported that discussions behind closed doors are very different from those presented when some of our Representatives are interviewed by the media. If you feel in your heart that something is wrong, then it is. We encourage you to put aside partisanship. We encourage you to work with your members across the aisle for bipartisan solutions to these difficult questions. We encourage you to use the congressional duty of oversight given to you by our United States Constitution.

Sincerely and respectfully,