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PDK International Announces Support for the EDUCATORS for America Act

U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI) and U.S. Representative Alma Adams (D-NC) introduce the EDUCATORS for America Act supported by a bicameral group of legislators.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (December 15, 2021) – Last Thursday, U.S. Senator Jack Reed and Congresswoman Alma Adams introduced the EDUCATORS for America Act in the Senate and House, respectively. The EDUCATORS for America Act is designed to improve the teacher pipeline and assist in developing the next generation of school educators through an annual investment of \$500 million for state strategies to meet educator workforce needs, and an additional \$500 million to strengthen educator preparation programs.

This proposed legislation provides for the establishment of the Pipeline to Educator Preparation Program which will aid in the recruitment of new educators – an idea that PDK International continues to promote through Educators Rising as a Grow Your Own Program. **Dr. Joshua P. Starr, Chief Executive Officer for PDK International**, issued the following statement of support in a [press release](#) published by Senator Reed’s office: “PDK International is proud to support the Educators for America Act and the establishment of the Pipeline to Educator Program. Providing support and opportunities for students of color to enter the teaching profession is crucial to diversifying the educator workforce; the Educators for America Act helps make that happen.”

“The EDUCATORS for America Act provides a comprehensive plan for uplifting the profession based on input from stakeholders across the education field about what is needed to recruit, prepare, and support educators,” said **Senator Reed**.

“Schools are facing pervasive staffing shortages, and we can no longer afford to neglect the educator pipeline. It’s time for a comprehensive national investment in our educators,” said **Congresswoman Adams**.

PDK International encourages members of the community to reach out to their [Senators](#) and [Representatives](#) and support the EDUCATORS for America Act.

About PDK International

Established in 1906, PDK International supports P-20 educators, researchers, and policy makers by strengthening their commitment to the profession throughout the entire arc of their careers. We are committed to elevating the profession through the intersection of research and practice.

At PDK, we strive to embrace the complexities of public education, be intellectually honest, and ask the right questions. Through our core values of social justice, engagement, excellence, and results, we encourage

educators and stakeholders to elevate the discourse and change the narrative around teaching and learning to ensure that every student has a high-quality equitable education.

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