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**A Call For Education Reform**

Earlier today I sent a letter to President Barack Obama voicing support for his key education goals and pledging to lend my voice to the debate as a proponent of education reform.

I believe our nation must embrace promising new approaches to education policy if we are to prepare our children to fill the jobs of the future.

By 2016, four out of every 10 new American jobs will require at least some advanced education or training. To retain our global economic leadership, I told President Obama that I shared his sense of urgency in moving education reform through Congress.

I commended President Obama for his focus on teacher quality and expressed support for new pay-for-performance teacher incentives and expansions of effective public charter schools. I also endorsed the Obama administration’s desire to extend student learning time to stay globally competitive and called for investments in state-of-the-art data systems so school systems can track student performance across grades, schools, towns and teachers.

Click [here](#) to read my letter to the President.

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