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Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we urge you to VOTE YES on Kristen Clarke's nomination as Associate Attorney General for Civil Rights in the U.S. Department of Justice. Votes on this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 117th Congress.

The daughter of Jamaican immigrants, Ms. Clarke began her career in the Civil Rights Division at the U.S. Department of Justice—the same office she has been nominated to lead. She also served as chief of the Civil Rights Bureau in the New York State Attorney General's office and in leadership roles at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Most recently, she has been president and executive director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Through this experience, Ms. Clarke has gained expertise in key civil rights issues, including voting rights, hate crimes, human trafficking, disability rights, fair housing, education, employment, and police-community relations. She has demonstrated respect for all communities, appreciation for the diversity that makes our nation strong, and worked tirelessly to fulfill the promise engraved above the entrance to the U.S. Supreme Court: equal justice under law.

We urge you to VOTE YES on Kristen Clarke's nomination as Associate Attorney General for Civil Rights.

Sincerely,

Marc Egan
Director of Government Relations
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