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National PTA Hosts Call-in Day for the Family Engagement in Education Act *Members, national convention attendees urge representatives to cosponsor H.R. 5211*

MEMPHIS, TENN. (June 11, 2010) – Today, National PTA is hosting a [CALL-IN DAY](#) in support of H.R. 5211, the [Family Engagement in Education Act](#). During its national convention in Memphis, Tenn., and through an email action alert to members today, the association asked members to urge their Representative to cosponsor bipartisan legislation that would improve the lives of millions of children and families.

The bill would strengthen parent engagement in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), which Congressional leaders have stated they want to reauthorize this year.

The bill codifies National PTA's standards on Family-School Partnerships and provides guidance and incentives to schools, districts, and states on how to use research-based strategies to engage families. This bill would also strengthen and safeguard the sole federal parent engagement program, the Parental Information and Resource Centers (PIRCs).

Visit the [PTA Takes Action Center](#) to see a list of cosponsors and to take action today.

The Family Engagement in Education Act is sponsored by U.S. Representatives Carolyn McCarthy [D-NY-4] and Todd Russell Platts [R-PA-19]. Other cosponsors include: Rep Timothy H. Bishop [NY-1]; Rep Corrine Brown [FL-3]; Rep Anh "Joseph" Cao [LA-2]; Rep Michael N. Castle [DE]; Rep Judy Chu [CA-32]; Rep Yvette D. Clarke [NY-11]; Rep Joe Courtney [CT-2]; Rep Bob Etheridge [NC-2]; Rep Bob Filner [CA-51]; Rep Barney Frank [MA-4]; Rep Raul M. Grijalva [AZ-7]; Rep Eleanor Holmes Norton [DC]; Rep Jared Polis [CO-2]; Rep Fortney Pete Stark [CA-13]; Rep Paul Tonko [NY-21].

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