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I am writing as a constituent and an educator to strongly urge you to protect funding for the Title II, Part A program in FY 2018.

ESSA recognizes the importance of evidence-based practice to improve student achievement. I'm sure you agree that ongoing professional learning for teachers and school leaders is necessary if we are to provide our students the best possible education. Virginia is fully engaged in initiatives that will make our students' educational experience more personalized and relevant, and will better prepare them for success in the world beyond school.

In order to ensure that these initiatives succeed, we must give focused attention to recruiting, training, and retaining high quality teachers and school leaders. Elimination of Title II, Part A would hamper these efforts and in turn have a detrimental effect on student achievement.

Please demonstrate your support for Virginia's educators and students by ensuring that Title II, Part A funding is restored in the final budget.

Sincerely,