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Vote NO on Betsy DeVos

The US Student Association, the nation's oldest and largest student association representing over 1.5 million students, demands that the US Senate vote NO on the confirmation of Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education.

Education is a public good, not a commodity. As such, it should be free and accessible to ALL, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, ability or socioeconomic status. Betsy DeVos is the antithesis of all our organization stand fors. The next administration is clearly putting people over profit. The corporate interests of DeVos directly invests in the privatization of higher education, in conjunction with her history of funding anti-LGBT efforts, undermines the progress made in recent years and is a direct attack on students of color and low-income students

The nomination of Betsy DeVos makes it loud and clear that the new administration prioritizes privatizing, defunding and destroying public education in America. With the Reauthorization of the Higher Education Act and Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on the table it is important that the values of the Secretary of Education align to protect students and immigrant communities. At a time where marginalized communities are under attack now more than ever it is crucial to have government officials that represent the interests of the New American Majority.

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