I supported the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) when it became law in 2001 because it promised to strengthen education in this country by enhancing accountability in our public schools, increasing funding for disadvantaged students and science, math and technology programs.

For the six years in a row, President Bush's budgets failed to provide the funding promised in NCLB. The President's fiscal year 2008 budget fell $11 billion short of the authorized funding level for NCLB in fiscal year 2008. These shortchanges have shifted the financial burden to our states and towns to make up the difference.

That is why I have cosponsored the Keep Our Promise to America's Children and Teachers Act, H.R. 627 , that would mandate full funding of NCLB. I have also cosponsored the No Child Left Behind Reform Act
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H.R. 2087
, that would give states more flexibility in measuring student achievement.

On March 1, 2004, I testified before the Connecticut General Assembly's Education Committee about the various failures of this law. Click here to read the testimony .

For more information on No Child Left Behind, see:

- K-12 Education: Highlights of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110)
- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP): Implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act