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Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

On behalf of our 3 million members and the 50 million students they serve, we strongly urge you to VOTE NO on Daniel Bress's nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Votes associated with this issue may be included in NEA's Report Card for the 116th Congress.

Mr. Bress's record raises serious concerns about his commitment to equality, education, and workers' rights. The causes to which attorneys choose to donate their time through pro bono representation are a window into how they would decide cases as a judge. Instead of fighting for effective public schools, Mr. Bress has offered free legal services to help shutter them. He filed a suit seeking to close a public elementary school in Anaheim County, California, and replace it with a charter school under a controversial California law backed by powerful, for-profit interest groups striving to privatize America's education system. His representation in that case raises serious concerns for NEA about how he would decide future cases affecting our members, our students, and our public schools.

For these reasons, we strongly urge you to VOTE NO on Mr. Bress's nomination.

Sincerely,

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