**E-MAIL TEMPLATE**

*[Subject Line]*Support Public Education by Opposing D.C. Vouchers

*[Body Text]*
Dear [Senator or Representative Name],

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The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has not been proven to improve student achievement since its enactment. Past evaluations of the program by the U.S. Department of Education found that students participating in the private school voucher program showed no statistically significant gains in either math or reading when compared to the scores of public school students.

I urge you to support public education institutions across the nation by opposing H.R. 1387. Thank you for taking my thoughts into consideration. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to visit my school and learn more about the support our students truly need.

Sincerely,

[Name, Title, Organization]

[Contact information]

**LETTER TEMPLATE**

[Date]

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United States [House of Representatives or Senate]

[Office Address]

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