

September 4, 2026

The Honorable Lisa Blunt Rochester
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The Honorable Roger Marshall
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*RE: Reimagining Education and Skills through Unified Longitudinal Technological Systems Act
(RESULTS)*

Dear Senators Blunt Rochester and Marshall,

The undersigned organizations write in support of your effort to modernize and sustain state data systems through the introduction of the Reimagining Education and Skills through Unified Longitudinal Talent Systems (RESULTS) Act. The bill is a positive step toward making data more accessible, flexible, and connected across early childhood, K–12, postsecondary, and workforce data. These improvements can support informed policymaking and strengthen state data infrastructure and capacity.

We are particularly pleased that the bill includes the following:

- Replacing the current Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS) and Workforce Data Quality Initiative grant programs with a more flexible, consolidated funding source states can use to improve data infrastructure and capacity, which will be administered by the Institute of Education Sciences.
- Expanding eligibility for the grants to include (1) the governor; or (2) a state agency or data governance entity designated by a governor.
- Expanding access in a limited manner to the National Directory of New Hires to better capture earnings outcomes data.

These provisions can strengthen the ability of states to make timely, accurate, high-quality data more accessible to policymakers and individuals for decisionmaking purposes. States will have increased resources to develop data governance structures and privacy capacities, facilitate data access through publicly available dashboards, and explore the use of artificial intelligence with an SLDS.

This funding could also enhance accountability and performance reporting under a range of federal education and workforce programs, leading to increased program quality and greater investments in what works. Similarly, the grant program will provide states the opportunity to improve their own data use and privacy practices, ensuring higher quality data and greater protection.

Thank you for your commitment and hard work in crafting a thoughtful approach to this critical infrastructure funding. It will strengthen states' capacity to connect and use data, and ultimately, provide policymakers and individuals with the access to information they need to make informed decisions.

We stand ready to assist you as the bill moves forward in the process. Should you have questions, please contact Data Quality Campaign's Vice President, Federal Policy Kate Tromble at ktromble@dataqualitycampaign.org.

Sincerely,

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