



U.S. Rep. Rob Bresnahan Improvement Plan

As Pennsylvania's largest public-sector union, PSEA advocates for the resources necessary for all students to succeed and reach their full potential. Your vote for H.R. 1 represented an action in opposition to those ideals and the position communicated by the National Education Association. H.R. 1 contains numerous provisions that will harm children and working families in Northeastern Pennsylvania. It undermines critical safety net programs that millions of Pennsylvanians rely on while funding permanent tax breaks that overwhelmingly favor the wealthiest Americans. This combination will add trillions to the national debt.

Your vote for H.R. 1 does not reflect the values or demographics of the people you represent. As a result, we offer the following Improvement Plan to ensure your future success.

- ✓ **Reconsider your vote to gut Medicaid and SNAP.** Each year, Pennsylvania receives \$28 billion in Medicaid funding and \$4 billion in SNAP funding. Nearly one in four Pennsylvanians are on Medicaid, and over 2 million rely on SNAP to put food on their tables. According to [Pennsylvanians Together](#), there are 208,181 people in your district who are on Medicaid, with nearly 43 percent of them being children and young adults under the age of 21. Additionally, 145,913 people in your district receive SNAP benefits.
- ✓ **Keep public taxpayer dollars in public schools.** H.R. 1 creates a new \$20 billion school voucher program, which redirects \$5 billion each year over four years from public schools and children to private and religious schools with little to no accountability. We strongly oppose this provision, which will reduce the resources available to public schools and children, and we are not alone. Recent polling shows that more than [60 percent of Pennsylvanians support](#) increasing federal investment in public education and oppose voucher schemes that divert public funding from public schools. Public dollars should support the 90 percent of American students who attend public schools — not subsidize private tuition for wealthy families already choosing private and religious education.
- ✓ **Reassess your alignment with the divisive and deeply damaging policies spearheaded by the current administration.** Instead, prioritize the needs of students, educators, and working families who rely on your actions to protect them and improve their lives.
- ✓ **Develop your messaging framework and why you vote the way you do.** Start representing the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania rather than using the divisive language of the current administration. For example, referring to federal funding for special needs

populations as government “waste” will not win you friends in NEPA. You were voted into office by the people of Northeastern Pennsylvania — not Donald Trump.

- ✓ **Work with and for the people of NEPA.** Cutting funding and services to children and families in Northeastern Pennsylvania will not make Northeastern Pennsylvania great. Responding to constituent concerns with demeaning comments will not help communicate your ideas nor improve Northeastern Pennsylvania’s prosperity. We encourage you to work with rather than against the voters of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

We believe in improvement plans — we believe in collaboration — and we believe in providing our students with what they need to succeed. We believe in you. We are giving you the tools to succeed, Rep. Bresnahan. Please use them.