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TO: FRIENDS OF CER
FROM: JEANNE ALLEN
SUBJECT: OUTRAGE OF THE DAY

I thought you might be interested in seeing the attached letter from the President, carrying his thoughts about tax credits for education.

Currently, the Education Leaders Council, the group of reform-minded state school chiefs and state board of education members, is working up a response for both Congressional leaders and the media. We'll be sure to send that to you.

The irony, of course, of Clinton's statement, is that his plan for higher education calls for no less than the same kind of credit, as does his support of Georgia Governor Zell Miller's pre-school voucher program.

We welcome any other ideas and your distribution of attached to any groups with which you may be involved.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 29, 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker:

I want to again thank you for working in a productive, bipartisan manner to develop this bipartisan budget agreement. I feel particularly good about the strong education package that is included in the tax bill. As you know, in working out the final agreement, I strongly opposed the Coverdell amendment. I would veto any tax package that would undermine public education by providing tax benefits for private and parochial school expenses.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515