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**ACTION ALERT – IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED**

Dear Colleagues,

On July 8th, the House Appropriations Labor, HHS, and Education Subcommittee unanimously approved a budget bill that contains the FY 05 education appropriations.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) **Title V**, Part A (Block Grants for Innovative Education) **was eliminated**. Title V (the old Chapter II or Title VI) is a program that **benefits all of our students and teachers with the provision of library materials, computer hardware and software, support to hire nursing and counseling staff, CPR training, etc.**

This is the program that was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2000 in the *Mitchell v. Helms* decision but can be effectively eliminated by not appropriating funding for it.

Before this gets to a full vote of the House, and then into the Senate, it is important that each representative becomes aware of the significance of this program for the Catholic school community. **Please alert principals, teachers and parents to this fact and urge them to contact their senators and representatives and request that funding be reinstated.**

A quick way for people to contact their representatives is to use the CAPE (Council for American Private Education) web site legislative link at <http://capwiz.com/cape/home/> and enter a zip code to be connected by e-mail to members of congress.

Let your representatives know of the importance of this program to your students!!

Many thanks for your assistance with this important request.

Sincerely,

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