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## The National Federation of Republican Women Stands for A Quality Education for Every American Child

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For decades, countless children have been trapped in failing government-funded schools. Their families want to provide better educational options for their children, but they are denied that opportunity because of where they live or their family income.

### **Enact the Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act to give these families a choice and their children a better chance to reach their potential.**

Surveys show millions of families would choose to send their children to a charter school if they had access to one. A recent survey by the American Federation for Children shows that 78% of all respondents supported Education Freedom Scholarships, including 83% of African Americans, 83% of Latinos and 78% of millennials.

#### **S.43 - Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act - 117th Congress (2021-2022)**

introduced by Senator Ted Cruz (TX), requires the Department of Education, in coordination with the Departments of the Treasury and Labor, to establish, host, and maintain a web portal that a) lists all eligible scholarship-granting and workforce training organizations; b) enables contributions to such organizations; c) provides information about the benefits of this bill; and d) enables a state to submit and update information about its programs and educational organizations, including information on student eligibility and allowable educational expenses.

The legislation would expand education choice by establishing tax credits (up to \$5 billion annually) to encourage individuals and businesses to contribute to scholarships for students through state-based scholarship programs. The bill allows individual and corporate taxpayers a tax credit for contributions to certain scholarship-granting and workforce training organizations.

The scholarships could go to preschool education, K-12 education, special schools for children and students with disabilities, and skilled trade education which could help alleviate the existing workforce skills gap.

**This proposed legislation is not a federal mandate. State participation is optional**, and each state maintains the authority to create a program that works best for that state. No family is forced to accept a scholarship, and contributions are voluntary.

**Key endorsements/co-sponsors:** Faith and Freedom Coalition and National Taxpayers Union, and Senators Joni Ernst (R-IA), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Pat Toomey (R-PA), Ben Sasse (R-NE), Todd Young (R-IN), Bill Cassidy (R-LA), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), James Lankford (R-OK), and Tim Scott (R-SC).

The NFRW encourages all members of Congress to co-sponsor this empowering legislation.

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