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Mrs. Heather Ritchie



Dear Mrs. Ritchie,

Thank you for contacting me regarding H. Res. 433, a resolution expressing support for designating the week of September 21, 2015 as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week. I appreciate hearing from you and people in the great State of Maryland.

I believe strongly that literacy strengthens our economy and our communities. As you know, literacy can help boost an individual's earning potential, decrease healthcare costs, and ultimately boost our nation's GDP. With over 30 million illiterate adults living in the United States today, more must be done to improve literacy rates across the country. I am committed to ensuring literacy among adults by providing robust funding for literacy programs and raising awareness about the consequences of low literacy.

As you know, H. Res. 433 was introduced by Representative Jared Polis [CO-02] on September 21, 2015 and was referred to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce. The resolution would recognize the importance of adult education in forming a more literate society. Although H. Res. 433 was not adopted by either chamber by the week of September 21st, please be assured that I share your support for efforts to bring awareness to adult education and literacy.

As your Representative, I will continue to work on policies that reflect our values as Americans, including providing everyone with a quality education that prepares them for the 21st century global economy.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me, Heather. I hope you will continue to stay in close touch, so that I might benefit from your thoughts and perspective. For more information about my work for the 4th Congressional District of Maryland or to subscribe to periodic e-mail updates on legislative issues, please visit my website at <http://www.donnaedwards.house.gov/>.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards
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