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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein  
United States Senate  
331 Senate Hart Office Building  
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**HR 3221 (Miller)**  
**Position: Support**

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The California Small School Districts' Association (SSDA) represents California school districts with 2,500 or fewer students. Almost all of these school districts are located in rural parts of California, and most have significant percentages of students from families living in poverty.

Small rural school districts do not have access to the same level of property tax revenue as larger districts to meet local school renovation and repair needs. HR 3221 would provide grants to state and local school districts to renovate, repair and modernize schools.

HR 3221 would allocate the same percentage of funds to states and school districts as they receive under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act with a guarantee that each district receive a minimum of \$5,000. This minimum is very important for very small school districts. Because the cost of roof repairs, septic system renewal, heating and air-conditioning renovation can exceed \$5,000, SSDA encourages consideration of increasing the minimum.

For these reasons, we ask for your support of HR 3221 when the legislation is heard in the Senate. Please contact me ([dwalrath@m-w-h.com](mailto:dwalrath@m-w-h.com) or 916.441.3300) if I can assist in the passage of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David L. Walrath