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The Honorable Mitch McConnell and The Honorable Charles E. Schumer

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At the risk of stating the obvious, we must have a Secretary of Education who believes in public education and the need to keep public schools public. We must have a Secretary of Education who will vigorously defend the rights of all students to have safe, fair and equitable learning opportunities and who recognizes the critical role of the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. And after far too many school shootings in this country, we must have a Secretary of Education who believes guns have no place in our schools.

In short, I believe she is unprepared and unqualified for the position. As someone who is deeply committed to the belief that all children deserve access to a strong public education, I hope you will join me in opposing Mrs. DeVos's nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eli Broad'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Eli Broad

cc: All U.S. Senators