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H. R. 4595

To repeal the Federal charter for the National Education Association.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. GOOD of Virginia (for himself, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BRECHEEN, and Mr. BURLISON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To repeal the Federal charter for the National Education Association.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Education
5 Association Charter Repeal Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

8 (1) The National Education Association (re-
9 ferred to in this section as the “NEA”) was char-

1 tered in 1906 by an Act of Congress for the purpose
2 “to elevate the character and advance the interests
3 of the profession of teaching; and to promote the
4 cause of education in the United States” and re-
5 mains the only labor union that has a Federal char-
6 ter.

7 (2) By continuing to hold its Federal charter,
8 the NEA is basically receiving a seal of approval
9 from and support of their actions by Congress.

10 (3) The NEA can no longer be considered a
11 public service worthy of its Federal charter as it has
12 drifted substantially from its core mission and be-
13 come a massive political operation dedicated to elect-
14 ing Democrats and imposing a radical progressive
15 agenda on America’s schools.

16 (4) In July 2019, NEA members held a con-
17 ference and voted against adding a business item to
18 the organization that stated: “The National Edu-
19 cation Association will re-dedicate itself to the pur-
20 suit of increased student learning in every public
21 school in America by putting a renewed emphasis on
22 quality education. NEA will make student learning
23 the priority of the association.”.

24 (5) In the same conference, members voted in
25 support of the right to an abortion, supporting ille-

1 gal immigrant justice, and expanding professional
2 development for educators to help create student
3 Gender Sexuality Alliance clubs.

4 (6) According to disclosures made to the Office
5 of Labor-Management Standards, from September
6 2019 to August 2021 the NEA spent over \$116.7
7 million on political activities and lobbying, and in
8 the 2020 election cycle, 95.7 percent of candidate
9 campaign contributions by the NEA went to Demo-
10 crat candidates.

11 (7) The NEA adopted measures in July 2021
12 to support critical race theory, calling it “reasonable
13 and appropriate”, and to spend \$56,500 on re-
14 searching and shaming organizations fighting the in-
15 clusion of critical race theory in schools.

16 (8) The NEA and other teacher unions stood in
17 the way of reopening schools in 2020 and 2021 by
18 threatening strikes, donating to Democrat can-
19 didates that backed school closures, and influencing
20 CDC guidance process to make it harder for schools
21 to reopen.

22 (9) In 2021, NEA Board Member Mollie Page
23 Mumau wrote on Facebook that shooting people
24 “hiding behind religious exemptions” to vaccine

1 mandates “would be quicker and ultimately safer
2 than putting me and my friends and family at risk”.

3 **SEC. 3. NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION.**

4 Chapter 1511 of title 36, United States Code (which
5 granted a Federal charter to the National Education Asso-
6 ciation), is repealed.

