

Dear Alliance Member:

We need your help.

We are going to Washington, DC, in February to meet with our Senators and Representatives to urge them to support a bill—called the *Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act*—that would authorize \$15 million annually for teacher-training and materials in geographic education. Did you know that Geography is the ONLY required subject that does not receive any dedicated federal funding under No Child Left Behind? Not one dime. Yet, every other required subject receives support.

It will help our cause immensely if the Members of Congress that we meet with have already heard from constituents about the importance of geography education, and about the existence of the *Teaching Geography is Fundamental Act*.

We urge you to join us in a chorus of support for action by Congress. You don't have to go to DC to help.

You can go to [SpeakUpForGeography.org](http://SpeakUpForGeography.org) and send pre-written letters directly to your Senators and Representative. It only takes a minute to show support for K-12 geography education in our schools. By the time we visit Capitol Hill on February 26 our Members of Congress will know that we are speaking for a large and accomplished group of teachers, curriculum coordinators, university professors, and others who are making a difference here in the state.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to help us put geography “back on the map” with federal support. We are proud to represent the Alliance to our state leaders and we are hopeful that we can correct the troubling oversight that leaves Geography alone without funding.

Please feel free to forward this message to others as well.

Best wishes,

Vernon Domingo, MGA Coordinator

Arlene Kowal, MGA Coordinator

Robert Poirier, Policy Point Person