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STATEMENT BY CER PRESIDENT JEANNE ALLEN ON CURRENT HOUSE EDUCATION CHAIR JOHN BOEHNER BEING ELECTED HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER

On behalf of The Center for Education Reform, I am happy to extend congratulations and best wishes to newly elected House majority leader John Boehner. The Ohio Representative has worked tirelessly over the years to bring greater educational opportunities to children across the country. As the chairman of the U.S. House Education & Workforce Committee for the last five years, he has led the fight for higher standards and accountability in federal spending for American schools, and ensured that greater choice for children was recognized as a vital part of any school improvements, from federal incentive funds for charter school programs to scholarships for the District of Columbia's neediest children.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Boehner was a leader in helping to eliminate educational bureaucracy and putting the needs of the displaced children above all else. Without his vision and work ethic, charter schools in Louisiana would not have been able to open their doors to the hundreds of children that were neglected by the education establishment before and after the storm.

We look forward to seeing that same vision and tireless work ethic as he takes on the role of House majority leader and we hope to work with him in the future to bring greater educational opportunities to all children.

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