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**STATEMENT BY JEANNE ALLEN
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*On the U.S. Supreme Court's Decision
to Consider the Cleveland Scholarship Case***

(Washington, DC 9/25/01) The Supreme Court's decision to review the constitutionality of school choice is extraordinary. In a time marked by unbelievable tragedy, this decision provides a ray of hope to thousands for whom education is their only ticket to a happy and productive life.

We thank God we live in a country where people are granted fair and objective reviews of their civil liberties. By agreeing to review the Ohio school choice case, the nation's High Court is bringing much needed recognition to a legitimate public policy debate, which opponents have for too long tried, in vain, to dismiss as radical or illegitimate.

Indeed, education in this nation is a right, not a privilege, and most Cleveland, Ohio children have been needlessly forced to attend schools that have been marked by more than two decades of failure.

In Cleveland, Ohio; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and the state of Florida, some courageous lawmakers have tried to change that. With the Court's consideration of this case and what it represents, we are seeing the unique and unparalleled strength of America and the freedoms on which it stands.

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On June 24, 2001 CER filed an amicus brief with the High Court urging them to take up the Cleveland case. To view the brief, and learn more on school choice, go to:
<http://www.edreform.com/>.

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