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Afterschool Community Offers Praise, Deep Gratitude to Rep. Dan Kildee Upon Announcement of His Retirement

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Statement of Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant

"During six proud terms serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Rep. Dan Kildee (D-Michigan) has been a passionate, highly effective champion for children and families in Michigan and nationwide, and one of the strongest supporters of afterschool and summer learning programs in the U.S. Congress. Rep. Kildee has served on the House Afterschool Caucus for 12 years, helping lead the successful effort to ensure that the American Rescue Pan provided urgently needed emergency funding to out-of-school-time programs. He advocated tirelessly for the vitally important afterschool programs that serve older students, helping them make the essential transition from middle school to high school and preparing them for careers and college.

The entire afterschool field, and all the students, families, schools, and communities it supports, are grateful to Rep. Kildee and wish him good health and continued success in his post-congressional life. The country has benefitted greatly from his service and his leadership."

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The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.