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RE: Parent Impact & Concerns Letter

Dear <NAME>:

My name is <NAME> and I am from <City, State>. I have <# of children> age(s) <insert age(s)>. Our child has disabilities and receives special education services.

I am writing to ask for your support in addressing how the Department of Education plans to respond to the lost hours of service for our students with IEP and 504 plans. As I understand it, when the Care Act was signed on March 27, 2020, the Department of Education had to review implications of Covid-19 social distancing and school closures with respect to IDEA.

With all the federal government is doing to help millions of individuals in need, I would help you understand how my family and child are being affected, and the larger implications the impact will have on our society as a whole if we do not carefully respond to address the needs of our future generations. Specifically, [insert details about how you, your family, and your child are being affected. For instance, “my three children, my husband, and I have to share WiFi and are often unable to access the internet for hours; thus, we are unable to complete remote services and/or homework.”].

Moreover, I am concerned about the following [insert details about your concerns, if desired.]

Everyone is struggling under these very challenging circumstances. **Nonetheless, this time should not be used against children with IEPs or 504 Plans; these students are not receiving the critically necessary services they need to be contributing citizens to society. I am specifically asking on behalf of thousands of parents your department does not waive requirements for IDEA but uphold the intent and letter of the IDEA.**

These students are some of the most vulnerable in our society. Indeed, IEP specialized education services matter desperately to ensuring their successful integration into and contribution to communities. Yet, under the current circumstance, FAPE cannot be truly delivered to millions of children during this time of distance learning. By ensuring we do all we can to help redeem and recover this time, I believe we maintain the spirit and intent of what IDEA stands for.

I appreciate your anticipated support of our children and ultimately the sustainability of our society by upholding the intent and letter of the IDEA. Thank you and your fellow constituents for your leadership and tireless efforts to lead in this stressful and demanding time.

Respectfully Yours,

[NAME]

[City, State]

[Contact Information, if preferred]