

February 12, 2015

Honorable Robert P. Casey
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Casey:

On behalf of ACCSES, and the more than 1,200 disability service providers serving over 3 million people with disabilities we represent, I am writing to thank you for your leadership in introducing the “*Empowering Parents and Students Through Information Act*.”

We support families being the decision-makers when it comes to their children’s education. This legislation makes it possible for parents to have the information they need to make informed decisions about how their children, with the most significant cognitive disabilities, will be educated and the opportunities they will have in the future.

All children with disabilities should have the chance to receive rigorous instruction with their peers and have the opportunity to earn a high school diploma. Without those opportunities, children will be limited in their options for the future; be it attending college or a certificate program or being eligible for entry level jobs.

Thank you for ensuring that families are provided with the information they need to make the best possible decision for their loved ones through the “*Empowering Parents and Students Through Information Act*.” We look forward to working with you to advance this bill into law. Please feel free to call upon Leann Fox, Director of Government Affairs, at (202) 349-4279 or lfox@accses.org for assistance and support.

Again, thank you for working to ensure parents and families are fully informed about the critical decisions regarding their children’s education.

Sincerely,



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