



DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AREA BOARD 10

*Protecting and Advocating for Persons with
Developmental Disabilities in Los Angeles County*

July 6, 2010

The Honorable Christopher Dodd
448 Russell Building
Washington D.C. 20510

**RE: S. 2860, Keeping All Students Safe Act
Position: Support**

Dear Senator Dodd,

Developmental Disabilities Area Board 10 is a federally-funded state agency mandated to protect and assert the legal, civil, and service rights of people with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County. It is on behalf of our Board of Directors and the 70,000 people with a developmental disability who reside in Los Angeles County that I write today to convey our support for S. 2860.

This bill aims to prevent and reduce inappropriate restraints and seclusion in schools. If passed, it would be the first step to nationally protect the rights of students to be free from harm, including unnecessary seclusion, physical restraint, and chemical restraint.

No student should experience harm while pursuing an education, whether in public or private school. By supporting and protecting these rights, your bills ensure that students with disabilities have a reduced chance of experiencing incidents of inappropriate seclusion or restraint.

We thank you for your consideration of our input. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Cathy Blin, Chair
Governmental Affairs Committee

cc: Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Los Angeles County Congressional Delegation

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