**EDUCATION**

Plain Language Talking Points

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**What is the problem?**

* The federal government does not give states enough money to provide the services and supports children need to succeed in school.
* More money is needed to hire good special education teachers.
* Students with disabilities can be hurt at school by being put in rooms with locked doors (seclusion) or physically held down (restraint). There is no federal law to stop this.
* Students with disabilities need support and services to go to college, to get jobs, and to maintain those jobs.

**Why it matters to me:**

* I am a student with disabilities and receive supports and services in school/college.
* My child/sibling/friend is a student with disabilities and receives supports and services in school/college.

**What should Congress do?**

* Congress should pass the *Keep Our Promise to America’s Children and Teachers (PACT) Act* ([H.R.764](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/764/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22keep+promise+act%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=2), [S.72](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/72/text?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22keep+promise+act%22%5D%7D&r=2&s=2)) to make sure schools can afford to give students with disabilities the supports and services they need to succeed.
* Congress should pass a law to protect students from harmful practices like seclusion and restraint in schools, such as the Keeping All Students Safe Act.
* Congress should make changes to the *Higher Education Act* to include funding for college students with disabilities and for programs that prepare teachers to teach students with disabilities.