**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.

**Why it matters to me:**

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

**What should Congress do?**

* Congress should support childcare and universal pre-K that protects children and families from discrimination based on disability
* Congress should support IDEA by passing legislation that will increase funding and accessibility to its critical resources ([H.R. 5984](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5984), [S. 3213](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/5984), [H.R. 6532](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6532?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22funding+early+childhood+is+the+right+idea+act%22%2C%22funding%22%2C%22early%22%2C%22childhood%22%2C%22is%22%2C%22the%22%2C%22right%22%2C%22idea%22%2C%22act%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1), [S.3544](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/6532?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22funding+early+childhood+is+the+right+idea+act%22%2C%22funding%22%2C%22early%22%2C%22childhood%22%2C%22is%22%2C%22the%22%2C%22right%22%2C%22idea%22%2C%22act%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1))
* Congress should also pass the *Keeping All Students Safe Act* ([S. 1858](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/1858?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22Keeping+All+Students+Safe+Act%22%2C%22Keeping%22%2C%22All%22%2C%22Students%22%2C%22Safe%22%2C%22Act%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1), [H.R. 3474](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3474?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22keeping+all+students+safe+act%22%2C%22keeping%22%2C%22all%22%2C%22students%22%2C%22safe%22%2C%22act%22%5D%7D&s=2&r=2)) a law that will protect students from getting hurt like seclusion and restraint in schools.
* Congress should support childcare and pre-K that is available everywhere and that protects children and families from discrimination based on disability