**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. 4519](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/4519?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22IDEA+full+funding%22%7D&s=1&r=2), [S. 2217](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/2217?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22IDEA+full+funding%22%7D&s=1&r=1), [H.R. 5141](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/5141?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%22funding+early+childhood%22%7D&s=1&r=1)).
* Congress should also pass the *Keeping All Students Safe Act* ([S. 1750,](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/senate-bill/1750) [H.R. 3470](https://www.congress.gov/bill/118th-congress/house-bill/3470?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22%28%28%28%28United+AND+States%29+AND+Bill%29+AND+of%29+AND+Rights%29%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=2)), a law that will protect students from harmful practices like seclusion and restraint in schools.
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