

Dear Members of the Education Committee,

I am writing as a teacher, a member of my local Board of Education as well as a parent of two children with special needs. I have already written and expressed my concern to my representative and senator.

As parents, we work very hard to make sure that our children are educated in a way that will give them the best chance to not only meet their potential but to be the most productive adult members of society that they can.

There are times, that regardless of our knowledge of the system, our children and needs, that differences arise. This can be impacted by everything from differences of opinion, teacher implementation of IEP supports all the way to the amount of funding available to schools. The process is already cumbersome and challenging for both parents and teachers.

Adding in a layer of bureaucracy is not going to help any school or child meet FAPE any better. It will cause undue stress and undue burdens on parents who are already challenged.

Please consider the demands that this act will place on parents as well as how difficult this added layer of bureaucracy will be to implement and don't do this.

Thank you very much for your time.

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