



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

April 5, 2011

Dear Representative Miller:

Thank you for introducing the Keeping All Children Safe Act. The undersigned organizations support this legislation and pledge to work with you for its enactment.

Every week, we learn of instances when children, from preschoolers to high school students, are inappropriately placed in seclusion or restraint at their school or early education and care program. This bill will go a long way to ending this treatment by promoting training of all school personnel. We also strongly support the provision in the bill that mandates parental notification of every instance of restraint and seclusion.

Again, thank you for introducing the Keeping All Children Safe Act.

Sincerely,

American Dance Therapy Association
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Autism National Committee
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Council for Exceptional Children
Council for Learning Disabilities
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.
Easter Seals
Helen Keller National Center
Learning Disabilities Association
Mental Health America
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of School Psychologists
National Association of State Directors of Special Education
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Consortium on Deaf-Blindness
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Society
School Social Work Association of America
The Advocacy Institute
The Arc of the United States

The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a coalition of nearly 100 national consumer, advocacy, provider and professional organizations headquartered in Washington, D.C. Since 1973, the CCD has advocated on behalf of people of all ages with physical and mental disabilities and their families. CCD has worked to achieve federal legislation and regulations that assure that the 54 million children and adults with disabilities are fully integrated into the mainstream of society. For additional information, please contact:

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