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Alexa Posny
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Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
U.S. Department of Education
550 12th St. SW
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Dear Assistant Secretary Posny:

RE: ESEA-IDEA Alignment

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The CCD Task Force on Education is made up of almost 90 national organizations concerned about the education of students with disabilities and the participation of parents in the educational process. The Task Force is comprised of organizations that represent educators, related services professionals, direct service providers, advocates and parents.

The Task Force appreciates the opportunity to provide input and comments on the ESEA-IDEA Alignment document you circulated several weeks ago. As such, we offer the attached recommendations and comments for your consideration.

The undersigned organizations thank you for considering our views.

Advocacy Institute
Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
American Physical Therapy Association
American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs
Association of University Centers on Disabilities
Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf
Council for Exceptional Children
Council for Learning Disabilities
Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.
Helen Keller National Center
Learning Disabilities Association of America
National Association of Councils on Developmental Disabilities
National Associations of School Psychologists
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Down Syndrome Society
National PTA
School Social Work Association of America
The Arc
United Cerebral Palsy

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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.