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The Honorable George Miller
Chairman
House Committee on Education and Labor
2181 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller:

The CCD Task Force on Education is made up of almost 60 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.

CCD supports the language in the “Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act of 2010”. Specifically, we support the language in which the school will also have procedures in place for student athletes who suffer from a concussion that will refer the students -- whose symptoms of concussion reemerge or persist upon the reintroduction of cognitive and physical demands -- for evaluation of eligibility for services under the Individual with Disabilities Education Act and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
American Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
Autism National Committee
Easter Seals
Helen Keller National Center
Learning Disabilities Association of America
National Association of Private Special Education Centers
National Association of School Psychologists
National Brain Injury Association of America
National Center for Learning Disabilities
National Coalition on Deaf-Blindness
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Society
School Social Work Association of America
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The Arc
United Cerebral Palsy
The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities Education Task Force is a coalition of over 60 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 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 further information, please contact any of the individuals listed below.

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