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The Honorable George Miller  
Ranking Member  
House of Representatives  
Committee on Education and Labor  
2181 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rob Bishop  
House of Representatives  
123 Cannon Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Miller and Representative Bishop:

The CCD Task Force on Education is made up of approximately 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 2011”. Specifically, we support the language that will require schools to develop and implement a safety plan for concussion safety and management, and will provide support for students who are recovering from a concussion which includes “referring 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 Counseling Association
American Dance Therapy Association
American Physical Therapy Association
Council for Learning Disabilities
Easter Seals
Learning Disabilities Association of America
National Association of School Psychologists
National Center on Learning Disabilities
National Down Syndrome Society
National PTA
School Social Work Association of America
The ARC
United Cerebral Palsy

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