



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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Mr. Tracy R. Justesen
US Department of Education
400 Maryland Ave, SW
Room 5107
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Washington, DC 20202-2600

RE: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities: 34 CFR Part 300/Docket ID ED-2008-OSERS-0005

Dear Mr. Justesen:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments and recommendations to the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for 34 CFR Part 300, Assistance to States for the Education of Children With Disabilities. The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (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 has consistently worked with the Congress, Administration and others to ensure full and effective implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). We have carefully reviewed the proposed regulatory changes issued by the Department and have formulated specific recommendations that we believe will enhance the purpose of the proposals. We urge you to review and consider our recommendations.

We appreciate this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

American Foundation for the Blind
Association of University Center on Disabilities
Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf
Council for Learning Disabilities
Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
Division for Learning Disabilities of the Council for Exceptional Children
Easter Seals
National Alliance on Mental Illness
National Association of School Psychologists
National Disability Rights Network
National Down Syndrome Congress
National Down Syndrome Society
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The Advocacy Institute
The Arc of the U.S.
The Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates, Inc.
The National Center for Learning Disabilities
United Cerebral Palsy

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