



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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Dear Representative:

Last year, Representatives George Miller (D-CA) and Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA) introduced the Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in Schools Act, H.R. 4247. The undersigned organizations urge you to co-sponsor this important legislation.

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.

Please co-sponsor the Preventing Harmful Restraint and Seclusion in School Act. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Association of University Centers on Disabilities

CHADD, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

Council for Exceptional Children

Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund

Easter Seals

Higher Education Consortium on Special Education

National Association of State Directors of Special Education

National Center for Learning Disabilities

National Council on Independent Living

National Disability Rights Network

National PTA

Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children

The Arc of the United States

United Cerebral Palsy