

September 20, 2010

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,

**United Cerebral Palsy** 

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 **TASH** The Arc

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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