

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

June 15, 2004

The Honorable Arlen Specter  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services and Education  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Labor, Health and  
Human Services and Education  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senators Specter and Harkin:

As you work to prepare the Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Labor, Health and Human Services and Education Appropriations bill, we urge you to provide \$12.4 billion for Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

In May, the Senate voted 96-1 to authorize \$12.4 billion for IDEA in 2005. By voting in favor of this amendment, we made a commitment to meeting our full-funding goals by FY 2011. We must take the first step toward meeting this commitment today.

All children benefit when states and school districts receive the funding they need for IDEA. We appreciate the leadership you have demonstrated and look forward to your continued support of this program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Senator Chuck Hagel



Senator Chris Dodd

Judd Gregg

Ted Kennedy

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