



**CONSORTIUM FOR CITIZENS
WITH DISABILITIES**

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The Honorable John Kline
Chairman
Education and the Workforce Committee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller
Ranking Member
Education and the Workforce Committee
US House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Kline and Ranking Member Miller:

On behalf of the members of Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities (CCD) Education Task Force, we write to express our concerns about the State and Local Flexibility Act. While we share the goal of eliminating barriers that hinder schools from meeting their obligations to all students, including those with disabilities, we believe that the bill as currently drafted will not improve educational outcomes for all students including students with disabilities.

CCD has a long standing policy of opposing any legislation that takes away resources from one federal education program and redirects those resources to another program. We believe that students with disabilities are general education students first and that any action that would redirect limited education funding away from its intended purpose will ultimately do a disservice to students in general education.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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The Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities is a coalition of nearly 100 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 physical and mental 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. Approximately 50 national organizations participate in the CCD Education Task Force. For additional information, please contact:

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