



**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 strongly support 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.

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