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The Honorable George Miller
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Miller:

On behalf of The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), which represents the state directors of special education in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense Education Agency, the federal territories and the Freely Associated States, I am writing to thank you for introducing the "Protecting Student Athletes from Concussions Act of 2010".

NASDSE believes that this bill will help to institute best practices at the state and local level and offers a reasonable means for protecting student athletes from the risk of concussions and the potential for traumatic brain injury (TBI). The failure to recognize brain injuries and the mismanagement of care for such injuries may lead to successive or more serious injuries that may result in cumulative consequences, chronic impairment and reduced academic success.

We appreciate your interest and work in this important area and we look forward to working with your staff to help secure its passage and to help states with its implementation once the bill becomes law. Should you have any questions or if we can provide you with any information, please do not hesitate to contact NASDSE's Director of Government Relations, Nancy Reder, at nancy.reder@nasdse.org or at 703-519-3800, Ext. 334.

Sincerely,

Bill East, Ed.D.
Executive Director