Dr. Daniel P. Corr, President

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Dear Dr. Corr,

I am writing to support the proposed rule to lower the age at which transition services for students with disabilities begin and to require a year’s notice before graduation. This rule will help ensure that students with disabilities are better prepared for life after high school.

Starting transition services earlier gives students, their families and more time to develop skills and plan for their future. This additional time allows IEP teams to create a plan that fits the student’s needs and goals, leading to better outcomes in areas like education, employment, and independent living.

*[Feel free to insert your family’s personal story of your child’s high school transition experience or use the suggestions below for inspiration.]*

***[Current students]***

As a parent of a student with a disability, receiving a full year’s notice before graduation will allow our family and our child's school time to plan for a smooth transition. It will ensure our [son/daughter] won’t lose access to necessary services and will be prepared for the next steps, whether it’s further education, work, or adult services.

***[Students who have already transitioned out of high school]***

As a parent of a student with a disability, receiving a full year’s notice before graduation would have allowed our family and our child's IEP team time to plan for a smoother transition. It would have ensured our [son/daughter] would have had access to appropriate services that would have better prepared them for the next steps.

By emphasizing the importance of early transition planning, the proposed rule aligns with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Additionally, research shows that starting services sooner leads to better long-term results for students.

In conclusion, this rule will greatly benefit students with disabilities by giving them the support and time they need for a successful transition to adulthood. I strongly encourage its adoption.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Title/Organization, if applicable]

[Contact Information]