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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

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Jim Buckheit, Executive Director

State Board of Education

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Enclosed are comments I received from a constituent in the 41st senatorial district regarding the proposed changes to PA Code, Title 22, Chapter 49 regulations dealing with teacher certification.

It would be appreciated if you could consider Ms. Murphy's recommendation that teachers who teach students with autism and other challenges should be specifically certified by the State of Pennsylvania to work with these learning disabilities.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Don White

Senator, 41st District

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Notes:

Mrs. Murphy would like there to be legislation created for teachers who have to teach autistic or mentaly chalanged students to be certified in teaching students with such learning disabilities. This is regarding her son who is in 5th grade but still is at a 3rd grade reading level.

She would also like to see legislation created to allow socal security to be pro rated to allow famalies above poverty level to recive socal security who have disabled children.