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Dear Mr. Kaufman,

I am writing on behalf of the PEAL Center to ask the IRRC to approve proposed 22 PA Code Chapter 14. We believe that the compromise of all involved will be of benefit to children in Pennsylvania with disabilities and to their families. The PEAL Center concurs with the comments of the VALUE Coalition and the DRN.

The Department and the State Board have listened and responded to families, school districts and other stakeholders. The result is an excellent set of regulations. Although not all objectives by PEAL and the VALUE Coalition were achieved, there was an open dialogue. The Department and the State Board heard the concerns of parents at roundtables, meetings. State Board meetings, and legislative hearings. The result – final Chapter 14 – is a significant improvement over the existing Chapter 14 and we urge its approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Chapter 14.

Sincerely,

Liz Healey

**Executive Director** 

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