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Dear Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director

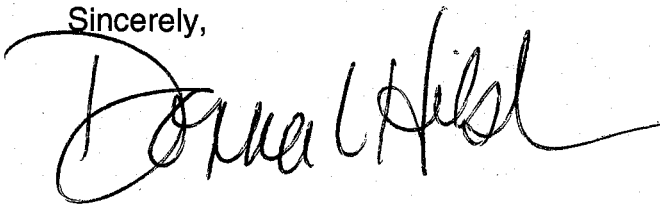
I support transition at age 14 and as we see the federal government using the 20 indicators to judge states I think it was a very wise strategic move on the part of the State Board to maintain age 14. When done correctly transition allows more students to successfully graduate which reduces drop out rates and has the potential to improve Indicator #13 on outcomes.

On the issue of behavior I appreciate the detail used when describing what is and is not a restraint. This will be most helpful at the IEP team level to be able to be in compliance. Understanding the written word in this section will be critical.

I would ask that the State Board to reconsider the caseload chart that it would change the Level II to 20 students instead of 25. In addition I recommend that the Speech caseload for school age be set at 50 due to the changing nature of services and number of contacts per week they have with students on their caseloads.

I thank you and the State Board for this opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns.

Sincerely,



NO ADDRESS SUPPLIED