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Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am an educator in Pennsylvania. Recently, I have been made aware of concerns regarding Chapter 14 draft regulations. Please consider making the following changes:

- ① Consider current instructional paraprofessionals to be qualified based on the training and expertise that they already possess.
- ② Allow educators 60 school days to complete evaluations.
- ③ Require that Local Agency representatives who can commit resources of the school district attend IEP meetings.
- ④ Adjust caseloads on the chart to reflect 20 at level II and 50 for Speech Language Support.

⑤ Least Restrictive Environment should reflect IDEA (federal law) and not go beyond the federal law's intent as in Gaskins.

Thank you for your time and consideration with regard to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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