

December 11, 2007

Dear Senator:

On behalf of The National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE), the not-for-profit organization representing the state directors of special education in the states, the federal territories, the District of Columbia, the Department of Defense and the Bureau of Indian Education, I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of the 11 - bill Omnibus offered as an amendment to the FY 08 Appropriations measure for State – Foreign Operations.

NASDSE feels strongly that it is imperative that Congress move forward with passage of the eleven remaining appropriations bills in order to avoid a continuing resolution which would result in again adopting the fiscal year (FY) 2006 funding levels. The FY 06 levels are clearly inadequate for the growing needs of FY 2008.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nancy Reder at 703-519-3800, ext.334 or at nancy.reder@nasdse.org.

Sincerely,

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