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Re: AB 130/Independent Study and Students With Disabilities

Dear Representative [Insert State Senate or State Assembly representative],

AB 130 (approved by the Governor on July 9, 2021) is having unintended discriminatory impacts on students with disabilities. My child has an [IEP/504 Plan/Documented Medical Condition] and cannot attend in person school. Attendance in Independent Study Programs as contemplated by AB 130does not provide the special education services my child is entitled to under federal law. As a consequence, many students with disabilities, including my child, have no place to attend school as the school year begins.

Proposed Independent Study programs are flooded with enrollment applications. These programs are understaffed and unaware of critical program details such as how services my child is entitled to under the I.D.E.A. will be provided.

I am asking that emergency legislation be enacted to restore Distance Learning as a placement option so my child is not excluded from [his/hers/their] established community at their [ Name of school of attendance].

Here is a link to AB 130: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billHistoryClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220AB130>

Sincerely,

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