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Dear Representative Millett and the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

In regards to Public Hearing LD 2166, I would like to voice my support for this proposed Grant Program.

As a retired educator, I am keenly aware of the lack of opportunities for students with intellectual/developmental disabilities and autism, especially after graduation from high school. Many of these students, with the right type of support, would be able to seek and maintain meaningful employment after graduating from college.

I have seen first-hand how effective supports, such as those proposed in this Act, have enhanced and changed for the better the lives of these students and their families. All students, whether disabled or not should have the same opportunities to higher education which can lead to a fulfilling life within their community of choice.

Sincerely,

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