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March 27, 2023

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Education  
1020 N Street, Room 159  
Sacramento CA, 95814

Re: Support for AB 1517 (Gallagher): Special Education Local Plan Areas-Governance,  
Accountability and Transparency.

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi:

On behalf of **[insert name]**, I am writing to urge your support on AB 1517 (Gallagher). The California Department of Education (CDE) requires SELPAs to provide monitoring and technical assistance to member LEAs. To date, there is no statutory requirement that SELPAs provide technical assistance to member LEAs in the Statewide System of Support. AB 1517 seeks to include language in statute to ensure students with disabilities' (SWD) interests are sufficiently represented by specifically requiring SELPAs to be a part of the technical assistance team supporting their member LEAs in Differentiated Assistance and program improvement.

**[include organization information here; you might want to share the professional development, technical assistance, monitoring support you already provide and how important it is to codify this; you may want to speak to your collaboration with COE in DA or the need to be included in DA]**

The Annual Assurances Support Plan will require SELPAs and participating agencies to demonstrate how they are coordinating for purposes of assuring effective outcomes for SWDs, while also increasing transparency and accountability. While originally added to statute in 2019, this requirement has been delayed until July 1, 2027. AB 1517 would implement this important update by July 1, 2025.

We support codifying the technical assistance SELPAs provide LEAs, and the prompt implementation of the Annual Assurances Support Plan. For these reasons, we strongly urge your "Aye" vote on AB 1517.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members, Assembly Education Committee  
Tanya Lieberman, Assembly Education Committee Consultant  
Bob Becker, Assembly Republican Caucus  
The Honorable James Gallagher