



**National Center for Learning Disabilities**  
*The power to hope, to learn, and to succeed*

March 31, 2014

The Honorable John Kline  
2439 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable George Miller  
2205 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Kline & Miller,

On behalf of the 60 million children and adults with learning and attention issues and the more than 600,000 parents we serve each month, I am writing to express support for the Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act. Thank you for introducing this important legislation.

This bill addresses our long-standing concerns about the under-enrollment of students with learning and attention issues in charter schools by requiring charter school authorizers to monitor how charter schools not only recruit and enroll students with disabilities but also how the schools plan to retain these students once enrolled. The bill also includes new requirements that will help charter schools intentionally plan for and consider how they will meet the needs of students with disabilities and how to help them thrive.

We know that the challenges facing students with learning and attention issues are many, but these students are among the brightest in our nation and possess a wealth of potential to succeed and meet high standards. We applaud this bipartisan effort and thank you for your work to appropriately consider their needs.

Sincerely,

James H. Wendorf  
Executive Director