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To: Senate Committee on Education

RE: Support for House Bill 4140 that proposes Requiring Department of Education to develop form for public education programs to use when student has been diagnosed with concussion or other brain injury

Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the LILA Board of Directors we would like to offer our support for HB 4140.

As a Center for Independent Living we frequently work with consumers who did not have the benefit of an early diagnosis and interventions for their traumatic brain injury. HB 4140 will help mitigate this by identifying and reducing the numbers of students who experience the often devastating and long-lasting effects of a traumatic brain injury. It will also allow for access to timely interventions and accommodations that are so critical for the recovery process.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

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