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As someone who has worked in education for the past 6 years, I now get the privilege of seeing work done with SPED students and with the amazing SPED program staff on a daily basis. At times they are already understaffed with having to care for multiple students at a time. A paraprofessional is generally allocated to work with one student. I cannot possibly foresee how this will work with the proposed budget cuts? It is highly inhumane and unconstitutional to cut funds to the very neediest of families.

I cannot possibly imagine how difficult it must be for parents of SPED students to already have their child's disability to live with let alone, having to worry about a major major cut in the very programs that support them. SB 5516 is crucial to the needs of these families. You can help make an already difficult situation better by supporting this bill.