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Dear President-Elect Obama:

I am writing in my capacity as national president of the Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA). LDA is the leading resource for and about individuals with learning disabilities from birth into adulthood. We are comprised of over 14,000 parents, professionals, and adults with learning disabilities across the United States who advocate for improving education for children and youth, ensuring effective transition from high school to postsecondary education, developing strong employment skills, and supporting individuals with learning disabilities to become independent productive citizens.

Our rank and file membership, Board of Directors, and Professional Advisory Board include the nation's top educators and researchers and most important, parents of children and adults with learning disabilities and those individuals themselves. Each brings special expertise to the table. Among our members are many individuals would be pleased to assist your team in any way regarding questions on special education and the employment of people with learning disabilities.

In addition to serving as LDA's president, I am also a parent of an adult with learning disabilities and now a grandparent raising a grandchild with learning disabilities, and a pediatric nurse practitioner. Therefore, I can offer both the professional and personal perspectives, as we engage with your staff. The members of LDA look forward to working with you and your Administration to ensure that children, youth, and adults with learning disabilities are fully integrated into society and can contribute to the growth of our great nation.

Sincerely,

Connie Parr, President
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