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Honorable Sonia Chang-Diaz, Senate Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 111

Honorable Alice H. Peisch, House Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473G

Dear Chairwoman Chang-Diaz and Chairwoman Peisch,

I write today in strong support of four bills that I have cosponsored relative to students with dyslexia, and with hopes that the Committee will take prompt action on this issue by reporting favorably on the key elements of each bill. The bills I would like to support are:

Senate Bill 294: An Act relative to students with dyslexia

Senate Bill 313: An Act relative to dyslexia

House Bill 330: An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia

House Bill 2872: An Act relative to dyslexia

Children with dyslexia can have great potential if they are identified, given appropriate support, and most importantly treated with dignity and respect for what they can accomplish despite the challenges of dyslexia. To that end, these bills would promote early identification, adequate support, and appropriate instruction to improve students' academic performances. I hope that the Committee can give these bills due attention, and report favorably on a plan to support students with dyslexia.

Thank you for your time, and please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions pertaining to this legislation.

Sincerely,

John F. Keenan
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