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JOINT COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION
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Representative Alice Peisch, Chair
Joint Committee on Education
State House, Room 473G
Boston, MA 02133

RE: House No. 330, An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia
Senate No. 294, An Act relative to students with dyslexia
Senate No. 313/House No. 2872, An Act relative to dyslexia

Dear Chair Peisch,

I write to offer my support of House No. 330, An Act relative to defining and providing screening for dyslexia, Senate No. 294, An Act relative to students with dyslexia, and Senate No. 313/House No. 2872, An Act relative to dyslexia, of which I am a co-sponsor.

These three pieces of legislation would develop guidelines for dyslexia screening before students exit Kindergarten, allowing earlier identification and availability of special education services for students with dyslexia. Students with dyslexia are often diagnosed late, when they have already fallen behind several grade levels. This legislation would create a system of guidelines that would allow these students to receive the services that they need to function at or above grade level.

It is my hope that these bills will aid in creating brighter academic futures for students with dyslexia. I therefore reiterate my support for H. 330, S. 294, and S. 313/ H. 2972 and respectfully request the Committee's positive consideration.

Sincerely,

Joan B. Lovely