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From: Shelly Speck [REDACTED]
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To: Interim Finance Committee <IFC@lcb.state.nv.us>
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Hello Interim Finance Committee,

My name is Shelly Speck. I am writing in support of work program #C57769 and #C57770 for IDEA—Special Education grant funds to continue providing special education and related services to children with disabilities. As a mother to a child diagnosed under the Nevada Child-Find preschool program, I am forever grateful and will continually be a supporter of these services.

With that being said, my child is one of many that still utilizes special education services within the school district where a veil thin budget is used to provide auxiliary services in our school for dozens of students with IEPs (individualized education plans). I believe many members of the support staff are unable to adequately accommodate each student as a result of an over burdened caseload. Ultimately, this will lead to more children with disabilities being prematurely removed from their IEPs due to a lack of resources. It is my hope that additional funding will provide vital supports for children with disabilities in Nevada to continue receiving these services, including speech and occupational therapies, as well as social/emotional support in order to thrive in the school environment and develop into effective learners. Many of those effective learners will grow into good, hard-working Nevadans, making positive contributions in their communities and to the state. As a parent of a kindergartner who utilizes these services, I ask that you please consider the benefit to our children and approve this funding to use for special needs children with disabilities.

Thank you for your time and for investing in Nevada's children and families.

Shelly Speck
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