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Every year, our students need more support and those supports cost more money. Many of our students who receive special education services have complex needs that cost well beyond the amount of money that the current caps on special education funding can handle. We are seeing the results of these funding deficits--long wait times for students to get the services they need, students and families not getting the services they require to provide the student with a Free and Appropriate Public Education, and overwhelmed staff that are being burned out at a historic rate.

I urge you to please consider removing the caps so that we can provide the funding that is actually required to truly support our most impacted students. IDEA has been historically underfunded by the federal government since it was created, and it seems like every year that underfunding becomes more acute. The time to support the needs of our students is now.