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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3007

Statement of Allison Walkowski in support of House Bill 3007

Dear Members of the House Committee on Education:

I'm writing to communicate my strong support of HB 3007.

HB 3007 will help students who are recovering from brain injuries by requiring schools to provide appropriate, person-centered, academic, behavioral, social, emotional, and physical accommodations to ensure that the student has the best possible recovery.

No student ever wants to suffer a brain injury, but many still do. During their recovery, they will struggle with their classwork, their social interactions, their mental and behavioral health, and with physical pain. The last thing a school should do is make it harder for the student to recover. As a survivor of a brain injury myself, I can attest that there is no way to know which concussions will result in long term consequences, and therefore every concussion must be taken seriously.

HB 3007 requires a school to act in the best interest of the student, and give them the accommodations they need during their brain injury recovery. If, because of their brain injury, they need help with classwork, or homework, or with their friends, the school should be providing that help. If they need physical accommodation in their classrooms because of the lights, or the noises, or whatever, they should get those accommodations, as well. HB 3007 will help ensure that students recovering from brain injuries get the accommodations they need.

Please support HB 3007. Thank you.

Signed,

Allison Walkowski