

Dear IMC-CAD Team Action recipient - Feel free to print/share this sheet with your action group and friends.

Here's How to Stop Cuts to Special Education!

Take Action in 5 Minutes: Cuts to Special Education Protections Are Happening NOW. The rights of students with disabilities are under serious threat. **Tell your U.S. lawmakers to protect the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS).** Students with disabilities can't afford to lose these essential supports.

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Action Summary	<p>Estimated time: 5 minutes, depending on how much Background Information you read.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Read as much of the background information below as you wish.• Send an email to your U.S. elected officials through <i>The Arc's</i> online form.
Why We Think This is Important	<p>Certainly needless to say. Let's FLOOD <i>their</i> zone with this simple email. All you have to do is complete a form to raise your voice.</p>
Source	<p>The Arc</p>
Action Details	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Use this link.2. Complete the form and submit. (May not work in Firefox) <p>That's it. That's the action. Please share with everyone you know who will help!</p>
Background Information	<p>The rights of students with disabilities are under serious threat.</p> <p>The Administration has just gutted the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), the Department of Education office responsible for enforcing the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the federal law that ensures students with disabilities receive the services and support they need to succeed in school. This team also manages the vocational rehabilitation system that helps youth with disabilities transition to employment.</p>

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	<p>Without people in place to enforce the law, states could ignore their responsibilities to students with disabilities. This puts millions of students at risk.</p> <p>OSERS plays a vital role by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enforcing IDEA and making sure schools follow the law.• Funding programs to train and support special education teachers.• Helping parents understand their rights and advocate for their children.• Overseeing programs that assist employment for youth and adults with disabilities. <p>We need Congress to act now. Tell your lawmakers to protect the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. Students with disabilities can't afford to lose these essential supports.</p>
Bonus Actions	<p>Share this link to SUBSCRIBE TO THE IMC-CAD with everyone you can (we are keeping this subscription free—it's ok to skip the "Pledge" button that appears).</p>