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SAMPLE LETTER TO INDIANA LEGISLATORS

Subject: *Support Indiana School for the Deaf – Preserve Educational Access and Family Choice*

Dear [Legislator's Name],

I am writing with deep concern regarding the recent budget cuts and staff reductions planned for the Indiana School for the Deaf (ISD). As a constituent who cares about educational freedom, family values, and preserving Indiana's strong community institutions, I urge you to take a closer look at the importance of ISD and work to ensure it remains fully supported.

ISD is a unique public school with a long and proud history of serving Deaf and hard of hearing students from across the state. For nearly two centuries, it has offered a language-rich, visually accessible education that cannot be duplicated in typical school environments. For many families—especially in rural areas—ISD is not just the best option, but the only one that meets their child's educational needs.

Our state has long supported the principle that **parents should be able to choose the best path for their children**. For Deaf and hard of hearing families, that often means choosing ISD. Budget cuts and staffing reductions threaten to take that choice away, not just now, but for future generations. These cuts could also lead to higher long-term costs if families are forced to seek alternative services that are less effective and more expensive to administer individually.

[Insert Your Personal Story Here – e.g., "My child has flourished since attending ISD," or "As an ISD graduate, I know firsthand how vital this school is for Deaf students."]

ISD is a wise investment that provides real results. Its graduates are leaders, workers, taxpayers, and proud Hoosiers. Undermining the school through underfunding would do more than harm current students—it would risk losing a cornerstone of Indiana's commitment to inclusive education and community support.

I respectfully ask you to stand with the families who depend on ISD and take action to ensure it receives the funding and resources it needs to continue serving the Deaf community.

Thank you for your service and dedication to Indiana's families.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your City, Indiana]

[Optional: Parent of a Deaf Child | ISD Alumni | Community Member | Educator | Concerned Citizen]

[Email or phone number, if desired]