UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

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Honorable Robert C. (Hobby) Scott House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-4603

Dear Congres Scott

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This is in response to your letter dated June 6, 1997, in which, you transmit a copy of a Congressional Research Service (CRS) memorandum dated May 30, 1997 that responds to a memorandum from the Virginia School Boards Association regarding the discipline provisions in H.R. 5 and S. 717. You request that consideration be given to addressing the issues discussed in the CRS memorandum as the Department develops regulations to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997 (IDEA Amendments of 1997).

Based on our review of the CRS memorandum, we would like to let you know that in our view, the interpretations contained in it are reasonable. Let me assure you that consideration will be given to clarifying the issues addressed in the CRS memorandum as we develop regulations to implement the discipline provisions of the IDEA Amendments of 1997.

We appreciate your continued interest in the education of students with disabilities and look forward to working with you and your staff on these issues. If we can be of further assistance, please let me know.

.....Sincerely,

Mudith E. Heumann Assistant Secretary