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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
25TH DISTRICT, NEW YORK

February 2, 2015

Mr. Colin Garwood
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1650 South Avenue Suite 200
Rochester, NY 14620-3926

Re: CFDA 84.328M

Dear Mr. Garwood,

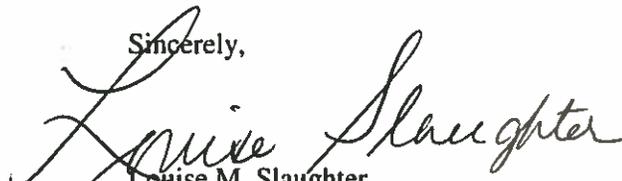
I am writing in support of The Advocacy Center's application for funding from the U.S. Department of Education to continue serving as the Parent Training and Information Center (PTIC) for all of New York State except the five boroughs of New York City and Long Island.

PTIC's purpose is to increase parents' capacity to help their children with disabilities improve their early learning, school-aged, and post-secondary outcomes as well as to increase the capacity of youth with disabilities to be effective self-advocates. The Advocacy Center has operated a Parent Training and Information Center for fifteen years. Through individual assistance, educational workshops, and leadership development activities, you help over 15,000 individuals and families per year to understand and participate effectively in the special education process.

For over fifty years, The Advocacy Center has assisted countless individuals in facing and overcoming the challenges that come with learning disabilities, ADD/ADHD, and other developmental disabilities. It serves as a resource for not only individuals, but for health care providers and educators as well. With these collaborative methods, it is clear that your clients are well-equipped to succeed in any educational and professional setting and live the life they have always wanted.

When every child has a support system, tools, and the willingness to put forth their best effort, they accomplish so much more and inspire us all. The Advocacy Center provides the extra assistance and care that can make an immeasurable difference in countless lives. I fully support The Advocacy Center's application to continue serving as a PTIC and respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Education give this proposal their utmost consideration.

Sincerely,


Louise M. Slaughter
Member of Congress