

Sample letter to legislators from SLPs/Audiologists working in educational settings

Dear _____:

I am a speech-language pathologist (SLP)/audiologist who works directly with students in the schools to improve academic excellence. I am writing to you because I am concerned about the quality of education that our students need to be successful. I am also concerned about the level of compensation for my professional contribution to this very important work.

I am asking for your support on these critical issues.

1) Creation of the Three-Tiered Licensure System for Related Service Providers

This bill would provide analogous licensure and compensation similar to the Three-Tiered System for teachers (HB212). It takes a variety of professionals to successfully provide a quality education for all children.

2) Protection of the Educational Retirement Act (ERA)

After a career in education, we rely on the ERA to provide needed benefits for us. I have put my trust in you as my legislator to stand by your commitments to the ERA.

3) The Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) and Audiologist Practice Act

Please support the sunrise of the licensure of SLPs and Audiologists in New Mexico.

Thank you for your support. I am counting on you.

Sincerely,

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip: _____

Phone number: _____