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July 11, 2017

The Honorable Tammy Baldwin  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Medicaid Funding

Dear Senator Baldwin:

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The current legislative proposals to reduce Medicaid or to eliminate the ability for public schools to seek reimbursement for services provided to students would have a devastating effect on the students in our district.

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Should the District no longer be able to be reimbursed for those services, we are still legally required, and I would offer morally required, to continue to provide those services to our special education students. So the loss of \$3M in funds would negatively impact all of our 21,000 students through reductions in staff, increased class sizes, fewer course options, etc.

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