**Why IPSE Programs Are Important**

Dear Rep. or Senator [NAME HERE]:

My student, [NAME], attends [IPSE PROGRAM] and as a family member, I can say it has been the most rewarding experience to watch my child go to college with his peers, learn, grow and embrace this amazing opportunity so they can thrive in the “real world”.

However, Georgia’s current legislative session is proposing dramatic cuts – of almost 11% -- to the college programs for students with disabilities. That is going to negatively impact any opportunities for students like mine to have the same college experience after high school like many of their peers without disabilities get to experience.

While college is expensive for all families and students, students with disabilities do not get the opportunity to pursue traditional scholarships or grants to subsidize their college expenses. Meaning, the student’s family has to either pay for school of out-of-pocket or take out traditional, high-interest personal loans to achieve an academic milestone.

I am writing today to encourage and inform you to #IncludeCollege in the state’s budget so students like [NAME of STUDENT] can have the same opportunities to thrive.

Thank you,