**Why Going to College Was Important For Me**

Dear Rep. or Senator [LEGISLATOR NAME]:

Hi, My name is [NAME], and I attend/attended [IPSE PROGRAM] and as a student, I can say it has been the most rewarding experience to go to college. I went to classes that allowed me to learn and decide what I want to pursue in my career, I made new friends, and I learned how to live and work independently.

Through college, I interned at [INSERT INTERNSHIP] or took on leadership roles so I could become a better student, leader, team player and employee.

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 me to have the same college experience after high school like I did or my friends without disabilities get to experience.

I am writing today to encourage and inform you to **#IncludeCollege** in the state’s budget so students me can have the same opportunities to be successful in our lives.

Thank you,

[SIGNATURE]