

Chairman Alexander and Ranking Member Murray

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Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions

428 Senate Dirksen Office Building,

Washington, DC 20510

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Re: The proposed amendment to the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriation Act (H.R.2578)

Chairman Lamar Alexander and Ranking Member Patty Murray,

My name is Isaiah X. Smith and I am sending you this letter as to objecting to a proposed amendment that Senator Ron Johnson has proposed that has the purpose as to preventing the United States Department of Justice from enforcing the Americans with Disabilities Act against private voucher schools that receive public funding.

In states with voucher programs, many schools are almost entirely populated by students on government vouchers. If the H.R. 2578 amendment is passed, it would give private religious schools all of the benefits of government funding and would allow them to discriminate against children with disabilities with impunity. Please protect students with disabilities. Do not let voucher advocates create a backdoor exemption to the ADA by stifling enforcement of the law.

I absolutely object to Senator Ron Johnson's proposed amendment and I urge you all to oppose S.Amdt.4775 to S.Amdt.4685 to the Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriation Act. I ask you all to please protect students with disabilities. Do not let voucher advocates create a backdoor exemption to the ADA by stifling enforcement of the law.


Respectfully,

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