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Richard Gephardt
1236 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Gephardt:

I just wanted to take this opportunity to tell you how much I appreciated your meeting with me recently to discuss the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

I appreciate the time you took to listen to my opinions of the provisions of the legislation, particularly regarding adequate yearly progress. It is also important that Congress fully uphold its promise to the states to fully fund IDEA. We must all work together to ensure an effective education for every child in the United States.

Thank you again for taking time to meet with me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may ever be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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