

Honorable George W. Bush

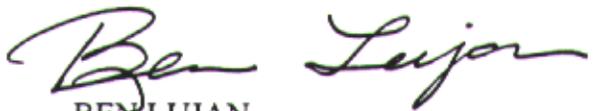
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According to recent estimates, in FY 2001 New Mexico received about \$43.4 million for Part B services under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). If Congress would fully fund its commitment, we would receive approximately \$134.2 million in FY 2002, which would greatly increase the special education services for our children in New Mexico.

We strongly urge you to rectify this enduring and egregious unfunded mandate by supporting full funding of the federal government's commitment to IDEA.

Sincerely,

  
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Speaker of the House of Representatives

  
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