

# Vote for a good I.D.E.A. Say no to S.1248

The League of Special Education Voters in conjunction with Our Children Left Behind is concerned with pending legislation in the U.S. Senate, legislation that will hurt students with disabilities. Please sign read why S. 1248 is a **bad I.D.E.A.** and sign our petition at: <http://www.petitiononline.com/nos1248/petition.html>

## *Can you join us in Washington to Protect IDEA!?*

March 24 – 26, 2004 is the "Families United to Save Special Education Initiative."

We will be holding training sessions to help prepare advocates for Hill visits on Wednesday, March 24 at the Sheraton. Everyone should try to make an appointment to meet with their own Senators on Thursday, March 25. Names of your Senators and contact information available at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or call (202) 224-3121, the Senate switchboard, to be connected. Please email [jrppmann@tash.org](mailto:jruppmann@tash.org) or [SpEdVoters@optonline.net](mailto:SpEdVoters@optonline.net) to let us know if you got an appointment and with which office. Thanks!

Can't make it to Washington??

- Wednesday MARCH 24th will be a "national call-in day" to urge your Senators to stand up for the rights of children with disabilities and vote NO on S. 1248 the IDEA Reauthorization. Be polite, but be firm. Tell them that S. 1248 is not in the best interests of the children, and that you expect them to vote NO. See S1248 Talking Points (<http://spedvoters2.org/Events/S1248TalkingPoints.htm>) for specific details. They do log these calls and numbers do count. If you can't get through on the phone, fax them. Phone numbers and fax numbers can be found at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov) or [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).
- Make appointments and visit your Senator's district offices on March 25th. Again be firm and polite. Tell them why S. 1248 is a bad IDEA. Let them know that this is crucial issue to you and your family, and will be an important factor in how you vote.
- Write your own personal letter. See a sample letter to a Senator (<http://spedvoters2.org/Events/SampleLetter.htm>). In addition see <http://spedvoters2.org/Events/S1248TalkingPoints.htm> for S1248 Talking Points. After sending your letter to your Senator please send a copy to [s1248@spedvoters2.org](mailto:s1248@spedvoters2.org). Our plan is to hand-deliver these letters to the various Senators as part of our Washington event.

To stay tuned for details as they develop, visit <http://www.spedvoters2.org>. Plus, **join the League of Special Education Voters before March 15, 2004 and get free membership!**

Thank you for your support.

This event has been conceived in the hearts of parents and advocates across the nation, with the support of TASH, [www.ourchildrenleftbehind.com](http://www.ourchildrenleftbehind.com), the League of Special Education Voters and APSE