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The Honorable Ron Johnson  
Washington D.C. Office  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
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Subject: Support for Alice Cogswell Act of 2013 bill

Dear Senator Ron Johnson,

The Wisconsin Council of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is writing on behalf of the Alice Cogswell Act of 2013 bill. It is a proposed amendment to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This proposal will improve special education and related services for students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind. We respectfully request that you would sponsor this bill and later vote in favor of this bill. This bill will benefit many students who are deaf, hard of hearing, or deaf-blind in the state of Wisconsin.

An introduction to this bill has been attached with this letter. A well-respected organization, Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf (CEASD) authored this bill. We would like to recommend your staff contact this organization if you need further information.

We will be in touch with you when this bill goes through the committee and will be on the floor. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The representatives of the Wisconsin Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

*Attached: (Introduction to The Alice Cogswell Act)*

*Referral: <http://www.ceasd.org/alice-cogswell-html>*