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## **Draft Social Copy**

### Civil Rights Prompt 1:

📢 Recent Cuts to Civil Rights: How Trump's Proposed Changes Could Affect the Disability Community, Especially Little People of America 📢

The current political climate is raising concerns over proposed cuts to vital civil rights protections, and one group that could be especially impacted is the *disability community*.

Trump's executive orders and proposed policy changes, such as the abolition of the Department of Education, could directly threaten protections for people with disabilities, including crucial measures aimed at ensuring accessibility, anti-discrimination policies, and equal opportunities in education, employment, and healthcare.

For people with disabilities, including people born with dwarfism, these changes could undermine hard-won progress that has been made to level the playing field.

How will these cuts affect the community?

- Less access to adaptive technologies and accommodations.
- More barriers in the workplace, schools, and public spaces.
- Potential for increased discrimination and fewer legal protections.

It's time to stand together and advocate for civil rights that protect everyone, including those with disabilities. We need to ensure that the voices of marginalized groups, like the Little People of America, are heard loud and clear.

📢 **Urgent Action Needed!** 📢

The Trump Administration is gutting the Department of Education by laying off 1,300 employees, closing offices, and freezing investigations into civil rights complaints. This is a direct attack on vulnerable students, especially those with disabilities. The Office of Civil Rights (OCR), which enforces laws like IDEA, ADA, and Section 504, is losing nearly HALF of its staff.

!! We need to speak up to protect our education system! Contact your Congressman TODAY to demand they stop this dismantling. Every student deserves equal access to education. 📞

## Civil Rights - Prompt 2:

### **Action Alert**

The Department of Education is facing severe cuts and office closures, with major consequences for students with disabilities and civil rights protections. Nearly half of the staff at the Office for Civil Rights has been laid off, and offices are being closed nationwide. This is not just a staffing issue – it's a direct attack on education and equity.

Take action: Reach out to your elected representatives and tell them to oppose these cuts! Demand they protect the Department of Education and stand up for all students. 

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## **Contacting Your Representatives**

Dear **Congressmember [Last Name]**,

My name is **[Your Name]**, and I am writing to express my grave concern about the proposed rollbacks to protect the Department of Education. As someone with dwarfism **[a child with dwarfism, etc.]**, I rely on the protections afforded under Section 504 to ensure I am treated with dignity, fairness, and respect in educational, employment, and public settings.

I am writing to urge you to take immediate action to protect the Department of Education, particularly its Office for Civil Rights (OCR), from the severe cuts and office closures currently being enacted by the current administration. The Department of Education and its work are critical to ensuring access to quality education for all students, including those with disabilities.

Recent actions, including the termination of over 1,300 employees and the closure of several OCR offices, are deeply concerning. The OCR plays a vital role in enforcing Federal laws that prohibit discrimination based on race, sex, and disability. As a result, these actions will have far-reaching consequences for students with disabilities and vulnerable populations.

### **Key Facts:**

- The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) ensures that over 8 million children with disabilities receive a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment.
- The OCR is tasked with enforcing critical laws like Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The recent staff terminations and office closures within OCR will undoubtedly undermine this essential work.
- The administration has recently taken steps to undermine the Department of Education by freezing investigations into discrimination complaints, including those involving race- and sex-based discrimination under Title VI and Title IX.
- A lawsuit has been filed by 20 states against the administration, accusing it of nullifying Congress's mandates for the Department of Education. The impact of these actions cannot be overstated, particularly for students and families relying on OCR's oversight and accountability.

**I respectfully ask you to:**

1. Publicly oppose the dismantling of the Department of Education, particularly the Office of Civil Rights.
2. Take immediate steps to block the termination of employees and the closing of OCR offices.
3. Support the lawsuits filed by states to halt the administration's actions and ensure that the Department of Education continues to fulfill its essential mission.
4. Actively advocate for the restoration of the OCR's full investigative and enforcement capacity.

I ask that you consider the long-term consequences of these cuts and closures, which will impact millions of students across the country. Education is a critical pillar of our democracy, and it is essential that we continue to uphold the protections for students with disabilities and other marginalized groups.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. I look forward to hearing your position on these actions and to seeing you take strong steps to ensure that the Department of Education remains fully operational in its mission to serve all students.

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