



National Coalition For Literacy

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January 11, 2008

The Honorable Danny K. Davis
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the National Coalition for Literacy, which represents twenty-six national adult education and family literacy organizations.

The Correctional Education Association shared your amendment to H.R.4137, the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2007, with the Coalition. The Coalition has reviewed your amendment to provide grants for improved workplace and community transition training for incarcerated adults and is supportive of your efforts.

Members of the Coalition provide adult education and family literacy services to hundreds of thousands of individuals across the United States, including incarcerated individuals in correctional facilities. Major goals of adult education programs are to prepare participants to transition into higher education or training programs and to prepare them to become productive citizens. Your amendment supports these goals and will address the needs of many individuals who may also be served by the adult education system.

We support your amendment and look forward to working with you in the future on issues of mutual interest and concern.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherrie Claiborne". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sherrie Claiborne
President