## **Roxanne Maher**

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I am urging you not to cut any monies from special education in the upcoming budget. It was not long ago when children with physical and mental health limitations were denied access to the classroom. As a nation, we have made great progress since that time, but Connecticut has lagged. We rank quite poorly in a number of metrics.

Every child deserves a welcoming, engaging learning environment, suited to their particular needs. It does us a disservice when members of society are not able to participate in civic life. It costs far more money to support an individual incapable of working and living independently, than it does to provide them with a good education early in life.

I implore you to make the wise, humane, and cost effective choice of fully funding special education services in Connecticut this year.

Thank you, Nancy B Feinstein

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