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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 7, 2010

TO: All Members of the Delaware State Senate
and House of Representatives

FROM: Mr. Rich Pelletier, Chairperson *RP/kk*
Council on Deaf & Hard of Hearing Equality

RE: H.B. 283 [Deaf & Hard of Hearing Bill of Rights]

The Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing Equality (CODHHE) has reviewed H.B. 283 which creates certain rights for children who are deaf or hard of hearing in the Delaware school system. Students who are deaf and hard of hearing may use a variety of communication modes and technologies to enhance language and learning. In addition, the needs of each student who is deaf and hard of hearing are unique. CODHHE endorses the proposed legislation since it will further develop the comprehensive statewide program and provide students who are deaf and hard of hearing with enhanced learning opportunities and choices that includes equal prospect for appropriate communication access.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact CODHHE if you have any questions regarding our position on the proposed legislation.

cc: The Honorable Jack A. Markell
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