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September 24, 2012

Michael Yudin  
Acting Assistant Secretary  
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202

Dear Mr. Yudin:

The New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) is amending its request for a waiver of the maintenance of State financial support for special education for State Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011) for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) under 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(18)(C) and 34 CFR § 300.163(c) due to an unforeseen decline in the financial resources of the State. The NMPED respectfully requests consideration of a waiver for FY 2011 to allow a reduction of \$28,187,997.92 in the level of State financial support due to a decline in the financial resources of the State for a second straight year.

The data in support of this request has been submitted and my staff is currently working with your staff in providing needed clarifications. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hanna Skandera".

Hanna Skandera  
Secretary-Designate of Education

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cc: Honorable Susana Martinez, Governor  
Honorable Jeff Bingaman, U.S. Senator

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Honorable Tom Udall, U.S. Senator  
Paul Aguilar, Deputy Secretary for Finance and Operations  
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