Dear Senator (name),

My name is (name) and I am from (name of organization and/or if you are a constituent, name of the town you live in). I am writing to express my support for SB 692 which would incentivize districts to serve students with disabilities in the most inclusive environment that is appropriate to the child’s circumstances.

Thirty years of evidence-based research demonstrates that inclusive practices increase academic achievement, graduation rates, social emotional and behavioral health, and employment prospects for students with disabilities. Although the federal Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) requires schools to prioritize inclusion and monitors LRE on the special education accountability tool, California has made almost no progress toward the inclusion of students with disabilities in the last decade. The state’s average rate of inclusion is a full 10 points lower the national average (53% versus 63%).

[Personal story about why inclusion matters to you and the opportunities it creates for students]

I urge you to vote yes on SB 692 when it is heard in the Senate Education Committee on 4/14.

Sincerely,