



Sample Letter to Send to Your Attorney General

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[Date]

Re: *Texas v. Becerra* and the Impact on Section 504 Protections for Students with Asthma and Food Allergies

Dear **[Attorney General's Name]**,

I am writing to express my deep concern regarding your office's participation in *Texas v. Becerra*, which seeks to challenge the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) 2024 updates to Section 504 regulations and the constitutionality of Section 504. As a **[parent/guardian/advocate of a child with asthma/food allergies]**, I am alarmed by the lawsuit's potential consequences for students who rely on Section 504 protections to ensure their health and access to education.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 ensures that students with disabilities, including those with asthma and food allergies, receive the necessary accommodations to participate fully in school. The Department of Education has reinforced these protections, providing critical guidance to schools on implementing 504 plans. However, your office has joined a lawsuit that not only challenges the HHS regulations but also seeks to have Section 504 itself declared unconstitutional. If successful, this lawsuit could eliminate essential protections for students with asthma and food allergies, jeopardizing their ability to access a safe learning environment.

I am troubled by misleading public statements suggesting that this lawsuit does not threaten Section 504. The legal complaint explicitly asks the court to declare the statute unconstitutional, which would dismantle protections for students with disabilities nationwide.

I urge you to reconsider your office's participation in this lawsuit and take immediate action to withdraw from the case. Protecting the rights of students with disabilities, including those with asthma and food allergies, must be your priority. Families like mine deserve to have their children's rights protected as they have been for 50 years.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Optional, Your Address]