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Submitted via rulecomments@education.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Education 25 South Front Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Comment on Proposed Rule Change to OAC 3301-51-05 Procedural Safeguards To Whom It May Concern:

I strongly oppose the proposed change to remove the parental consent requirement for changes in placement. I oppose this change because it will diminish my ability to participate in decisions about where my child receives an education and will make it harder for me to actively participate in the IEP process. The current rule prevents my child’s IEP team from overruling my opinions without having a thorough discussion about my child’s needs and explaining fully to me the reasons behind the school’s proposals. If the proposed change goes through, I believe my district will not listen to my concerns and will instead make unilateral decision about my child. I also believe that my school will make these decisions without fully considering all other available options.

I also think that the term “educational agency” is vague and should be more clearly defined.

Sincerely,

/s/ [Parent name]

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