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On behalf of Project LEAH (Leaders Ending Abuse & Harm), I am writing in support of SB 0705. Our organization is a legislative advocacy group based in Texas that is against abuse and mistreatment of students with disabilities in public schools. We believe that SB 0705 is a step forward in the right direction in rectifying the discriminatory behaviors that are still protected under administrative law. Seclusion is an act of intentional isolation that is punishment based on disability. As Co-Founder of Project LEAH, who started our movement due to my own child being secluded, restrained, and mistreated at school, I urge you to make the safety of students with disabilities an utmost priority by passing SB 0705. All children have the right to learn free of physical, verbal and emotional abuse.

Respectfully,

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