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To Whom It May Concern,

If you are forced between paying for documents that are rightly yours to have and are needed to have for a leveling playing field at the meetings or being able to bring your Advocate to your next meeting, it is an extremely difficult position to put a parent in. The amount of financial burden, mental and emotional stress that Special Education parents are put through in order to Advocate and get their children an appropriate Education is devastating. Being required to pay amounts of \$600.00 and well over is an unrealistic expectation, and most definitely does not give parents the opportunity to be an equal team member.

The the sad part being for as many walls as we have had up against us, it is so minimal compared to many other families. Things need to change! Parents should not be required or bullied into paying hundreds or thousands of dollars for their child's records and information. Parents should not have to choose between affording some documents, or no documents. ALL of the documents are important and are needed in order to allow the parents to make an informed decision and to be an informed member of the IEP team. Change needs to happen!

Thank you for your time,  
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