To: The Education Committee
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Regarding: **Raised Bill #6666, Section 7**

I am writing this communication to indicate to the committee and it's Co-Chairs that I am in full support of **Bill #6666, Section 7**. I ask that you support this bill as well.

I work with children with autism in the public school sector. The need for quality services for these children is critical. Too often we see unqualified and misinformed individuals providing services to unknowing parents and school districts. Ineffective interventions result in lost time and often confound previous progress. The impacts to the child are significant! By supporting **Bill #6666, Section 7** we can protect the rights of our children with autism and guarantee that they receive services from professionals well versed in the principles and practices of applied behavior analysis.

Thank you for your support.

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