Dear Mr. Calabrese:

I am the parent of a 13 year old son with Autism and I am writing to you to express my opposition to SB 1105.

I have seen ABA programs that have been run by certified BCBA's as well as those run by other individuals with endorsements in Special Education as proposed in this bill. Those run by others than a BCBA are typically not well run programs and end up being a detriment to the individuals in the program, wasting taxpayer dollars. Furthermore, they will cost taxpayers more in the long run due to lesser long term outcomes for the individuals in these programs.

Additionally, having an Administrator without any knowledge of ABA or Autism supervise a BCBA is also detrimental to students on the Autism Spectrum. A Supervisor trained in ABA and Autism is essential in this position.

I feel strongly that only a BCBA should deliver ABA services. The other providers suggested as being qualified in this bill do not have the educational background (6 specific courses and 1500 hours of direct supervision by a BCBA and passing a test for Certification) or expertise in this area. In addition, it would further dilute their current responsibilities making them less effective at what they currently do.

Sincerely,

Susan T. Mahar