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Number and title of the bill: Senate Bill 974, Health Insurance Coverage For Alternative Therapies For Autism: Mandate
I support the Senate bill 974!

This is an extremely important bill that **must be passed**.

Why?

- Children with Autism cannot function like normal people without intervention.
- If children with Autism do not have intervention services, they cannot function in life.
- Intervention services are very costly, and the best intervention for a child is, in many cases, cost prohibitive for the family. Thus, Insurance Is a MUST!
- My 4 year old son may have Autism, and has been given 12 hours of Special Education, 30 minutes of Occupational Therapy and 30 minutes of Speech Therapy weekly.
- Even with this assistance, he needs much more to overcome the hurdles to be able to successfully enter Kindergarten in the fall.
- If we do not get more intervention services in the schools, his development may suffer.

Thus, we must pass this bill!

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