

**Subject: Testimony in Opposition to SB 1105**

Greetings,

I am writing this e-mail in opposition to the proposed legislation as it would be detrimental to the children of CT with autism as well as to the State.

As a parent of a child with autism, I find it morally irresponsible to allow anyone without a BCBA or BCaBA who is supervised by a BCBA to provide ABA in the public schools for a myriad of reasons:

Primarily, without proper administration of ABA, autistic students will not improve but rather regress making it more costly for schools to treat these students in the long term. Additional demands and responsibilities of providing ABA placed upon unqualified personnel who hold other specific job duties will only result in over burdened employees therefore increasing the inefficacy of treatment of students with autism.

This is a wrongful proposal that is insulting the intelligence of parents with autistic children and the qualified trained ABA therapists who treat them (ie: BCBA's!!!).

This is a delusional short term cost-effective proposal for the State that is not in the least concerned with the interests of our students and children with autism.

Everyone in the State of Connecticut will pay dearly in the long run if this proposal is passed.

In plain terms, this proposal spells clearly the word: **NEGLECT!**

Sincerely,

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