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My name is Felicia Morgan and I live in West Hartford, CT; I am a licensed psychologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst and practice at the Center for Children with Special Needs in Glastonbury, CT. In addition, I am a DDS/DDS Autism Division Qualified Provider. I am in favor of expanding services from the state for those living with ASD and urge you to support HB 5558. I work with a number of individuals with Autistic Spectrum Disorders who range from kindergarten to adulthood. Many of the individuals I work with are capable of living and working in the community, but not without appropriate supports. I currently work with one client who is significantly aggressive but also extremely capable. With access to appropriate intervention and support, this individual has the potential to contribute to the community. Unfortunately, he is now at home as his family has been unable to find a day program that can manage his aggression. Access to appropriate intervention for all individuals, particularly Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA), a scientifically proven effective intervention, is critical for many individuals with ASD. In addition, transportation issues are a significant roadblock to accessing services that many individuals with ASD and their families face; providing transportation will substantially improve access to appropriate services and therefore, the ability to be a productive and contributing member of society and the community.

Please feel free to contact me to discuss further and thank you for addressing this extremely important issue.

Sincerely,

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