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My name is Sherryl von Glahn. Our family lives in the Mystic Connecticut area. I can be contacted at 860.885.0676 should you need authentication. For over 35 years, both of our children continue to struggle and suffer from critical developmental issues. These strange oddities went specifically undiagnosed because, as children of the 1980s, little or nothing was known of Autism. California doctors and therapists seemed unable to explain the frustrations, social terrors and sensory integration issues of our angelic little girl and our handsome little boy.

Now, decades too late, we now know that both children (now adults), continue their suffering because treatment and special education did not then exist.

Our son is a near genius, and our daughter is equally gifted. But both adult children live in lonely worlds, always trying to just belong.

Do you belong? Can you imagine the isolation of living within a glass windowed enclosure? Never able to belong? Feeling always left out, feeling you must be from another star?

Please pass this bill. It is the humane and right thing to do now.