

Anne Benson, BCaBA 5558

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

I am writing to express my support of HB 5558, Sections 1 & 2. I am a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst and graduate student working towards my master's in Behavior Analysis. I have worked with children with autism for over 14 years. As behavior analysts we have extensive background and knowledge in our field which has been proven very effective for those with autism. I support a pilot program that would give individuals with autism access to behavior analytic services from an expert in the field of behavior analysis. We understand the science of our practice and how best apply it, leading to effective interventions for consumers. I also fully support expanding the Medicaid waiver to best serve some of the neediest individuals. Currently these services are lacking and we need to provide for these individuals and their families.

Sincerely,

Anne Benson, BCaBA