

Dear Legislative Members,

I don't have much time.

I am the mother of four teenage boys, including one with autism. Our youngest son is a joy but he is also nonverbal and intellectually disabled and so many of our days are challenging, on the multitude of levels.

He is now 14 and doing many things I never would have dreamed he could do when he was diagnosed at 17 months. This is due in part to the very skilled ABA therapists who have worked with him for the last 12 1/2 years.

As I said, much of our life is still a struggle, however, if we had not had bona fide, skilled, quality ABA therapists along the way, I don't know where we would be today.

I am writing in support of SB 292.

Not only will this help regulate this industry, it will be very helpful to families looking to get insurance coverage for needed services. Please pass this bill as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Laurie Collins