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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: ABA Bill H5253

Dear House Committee,

My name is Patricia Barbosa, I work for Seven Hills Rhode Island. I am also a Parent of an Autistic Adult.

When my son was between the ages of 3 to 15 years old, He received ABA Services, I feel that these services were important in getting my son to where he is today in managing the world around him.

The Services provided him and us as parents with the tools that we needed to find communication that kept the frustration and sensory dishevel of his world down to a level

where communication was able to come from him. He is semi-non-verbal where he can say some needs and wants, at the time of these services he was totally non-verbal

and his frustration of not being able to communicate at all caused many behaviors in his younger years.

These services gave us the first steppingstones to being able to communicate with the great child that was hiding within him and have given us the young adult who laughs and can go to the movies and loves walking in parks with his parents and therapist. He can see the world in a much lessor stressful manner.

As a parent who has seen the positive results in what the ABA program has done for us and for others in the Autistic community ,

I would like to Thank the General Assembly for their proactive commitment to the ABA programs in maintaining competitive payments for these services ,

but we need to do more since the ABA program is a Service that the Commercial Insurances also contribute to

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We ask the committee to ask that the Commercial Insurances to stay competitive also ,

so that we can maintain the ABA Programs across the State at their highest level to benefit the special community that we all support get the same opportunity to thrive in their lives.

Thank you for your time and commitment to all of Rhode Island Citizens.

Sincerely,
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