

March 17, 2025

Dear Steven Sepe Committee Clerk and Grace Duffy:

We wish to thank you Chairwoman Donovan and Committee members for considering the bill and include in the opening paragraph the **Bill # H5253**, on behalf of the families of Seven Hills Rhode Island Child and Family Services who serve many children with crucial ABA services. As you are aware, these services are very important for this population and data reflects the progress that individuals can make as a result. I have been working for this agency for 33 years and have seen the benefits of those who have received ABA, some who are now able to lead meaningful, productive lives. In addition, I've seen families struggle with the challenges that can come with this diagnosis but with the training and support they receive from providers, they have been able to gain a better understanding and manage quite well.

We thank the General Assembly for raising Medicaid rates for ABA and now it is so important to ensure that the **commercial insurers** maintain competitive payments to maintain a stable system of service. Living with family members and supporting so many who receive services from Seven Hills Rhode Island who need this service, we plead with you to please help get these bills passed.

We wish to thank you again and ask for your support in passing this bill. Please feel free to reach out to me if you would like more specific information.

Sincerely,

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