

**Support: HB847 State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and
Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism Related Needs**

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Dear Madame Chair and Members of the Health and Government
Operations Committee,

As the grandmother of an Autistic young man, I have seen his struggles and the issues that he has faced. We are fortunate that he is doing well and that our family has the resources to give him the support that he needs. I realize how many children are being diagnosed with Autism and that the number of children that continue to be diagnosed is increasing at an alarming rate. Even with strong family support, our family worries about what will happen with my grandson when I and his parents are no longer around to check in with him. What will happen to the population of autistic children and adults that do not have the resources and family to support them?

I strongly support HB847.

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