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Maryland House of Delegates
6 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support - HB 718: State Coordinator for Autism Strategy – Advisory Stakeholder Group – Related Needs – Mandated Appropriation

Good afternoon members of the House Appropriations Committee.

I am the parent of a child with multiple challenges and disabilities. I am a member of Parent Advocacy Consortium, and we advocate for children like my son, and other individuals with disabilities that require time, resources and support to help them in getting them what they need in order to reach their full potential.

We fully support the funding of the mandated Advisory stakeholder group and the State Coordinator for Autism Strategy. Let's put taxpayer dollars to some good use for the futures of all children with autism.

Time is of the essence of making a change in the lives of our children. Please put the funding in place so that we can start the hard work of studying and implementing programs that work to improve the lives of all of our children.

Please return a favorable report and support HB 718.

Thank you for considering my testimony today.

Kind regards,

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