

March 10, 2022

The Honorable Kirill Reznik  
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6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: Senate Bill 169 – State Autism Strategy – Revisions**

Dear Delegate Reznik:

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to request an amendment to Senate Bill 169 - State Autism Strategy – Revisions. The Council of Autism Service Providers is a non-profit association of agencies across the United States that provide necessary services to individuals on the autism spectrum. Committed to autism advocacy, we thank you for your continued support on behalf of the citizens throughout Maryland who are on the autism spectrum. With your leadership in mind, we write to ask you to support SB169 with an amendment.

SB 169 further clarified the role of the recently created position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism Related Needs. It also altered the membership of the Stakeholder Group to include one representative from the Senate and two members from the House of Delegates. In addition to these two positions, we respectfully request an amendment to the bill to add a Board-Certified Behavioral Analyst to the Stakeholder Group. Including this vital member in the Group will guarantee that Maryland will continue to be a leader in providing the greatest care possible to those on the autism spectrum.

Thank you again for all of your work on this critical initiative. We ask that you vote favorable with this proposed amendment on SB169.

Sincerely,



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