

Call or Email Template

Hello Representative _____,

My name is _____, I have a _____ with autism. (Feel free to give more background info on your family)

Our family is requesting your support of House Bill 2710.

House Bill 2710 proposes to create the Behavior Analyst Licensing Act to provide for licensure of behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts in the state of Illinois. Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) provide assessment, treatment plan development, on-going supervision of direct treatment staff and treatment outcome reporting to health insurers. Insurers have stated they want a state verification system for BCBAs as they exist in thirty other states and exist for other behavioral health care practitioners providing behavior services in Illinois.

(Choose one of the three options below)

Option 1 (If you child has received ABA therapy)

My child has benefitted from ABA therapy from a Behavior Analysts. ABA therapy has helped my child with _____ (examples: Communication, Self-Help, Challenging Behaviors) I feel the need for state regulation of the industry. All of the other professionals working with my child, Speech Pathologists, Counselors, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Teachers are state licensed. We need that extra layer of protection knowing that the individual providing these services is licensed and met on-going continued education. Without licensure I fear the lack of legal recourse for families may be hurt by fraudulent services.

Option 2 (If you are interested in your child receiving ABA therapy)

(If applicable) I would like for my child to receive ABA therapy from a Behavior Analyst but feel the need for state regulation of the industry. All of the other professionals working with my child, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Teachers are state licensed. We need that extra layer of protection knowing that the individual providing these services is licensed and met on-going continued education.

Option 3 (If you do not utilize or wish to utilize ABA therapy)

I know of a lot of families that choose to receive ABA therapy from a Behavior Analyst. All of the other professionals working with our children, Speech Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, Social Workers, Teachers are state licensed. We need that extra layer of protection knowing that the individual providing these services is licensed and met on-going continued education.

(Closing)

Thank you for considering support of HB 2710. Doing so will provide consumer protection for families like ours with the most vulnerable in our population. It will also allow legal recourse for families hurt by harmful or fraudulent services.

Sincerely, (Make sure to provide your address and contact information)