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## **Rep. Tom Mehaffie to Urge Support of Better Access to Treatment Act**

**HARRISBURG, PA, October 22, 2019** — Rep. Tom Mehaffie (R-Dauphin) in collaboration with non-profit The ABA in PA Initiative and hundreds of supporters will encourage legislative support of House Bill 1900 (Better Access to Treatment Act) at a press conference on Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 11 a.m. in the Capitol Rotunda.

This critical and long overdue legislation will expand applied behavior analysis (ABA) services in PA and establish well-defined standards for those claiming to be qualified behavior analysts practicing ABA across the state. Licensure will allow behavior analysts access to join treatment teams for the care of patients, and allow the application of ABA for the benefit of children and adults with autism, intellectual disabilities, and many other serious health conditions that affect our most vulnerable: seniors, veterans battling PTSD, or those struggling with addiction to name a few.

A rally sponsored by The ABA in PA Initiative and its members will take place prior to the press conference at 10 a.m. with individuals and families from across the commonwealth who have benefitted from ABA treatment and service.

### **About The ABA in PA Initiative**

The ABA in PA Initiative is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit advocacy organization made up of parents, industry professionals, and lawmakers dedicated to change the future for all children in Pennsylvania with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) by ensuring access to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). The ABA in PA Initiative aims to bring the autism community together as one united voice to urge Pennsylvania and private sector to listen to our concerns and take immediate action to address the service gap for ABA.

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