

Sample Letter to Legislators

Dear Representative _____ / Dear Chairman _____ ,

We are writing to encourage you to bring House Bill 19 (The Better Access to Treatment Act) to a vote upon return to session. As concerned professionals, we implore you to utilize your voting rights to determine the viability of this bill to move forward.

Pennsylvanians elect you to serve the most vulnerable in our commonwealth who have the most significant needs -- and no way to communicate this to you. By not allowing this consumer protection Bill to be voted on in the licensing committee, you are putting an already vulnerable group in danger of reducing the number of highly qualified professionals that could be available to help support them through their lifespan. There are an estimated 13,000 people on waitlists for services in PA. It is unacceptable, and PA can do better.

This is a bipartisan Bill. Your colleagues on both sides of the aisle have pledged their support to ensure critical high quality behavior analytic services are provided by high quality behavior analysts.

Over 30 states already have licensure in place for behavior analysts. Let's bring PA to be the leader in providing these critical behavior analytic services, increase the quality of life for many who would benefit from these services, provide a voice for this vulnerable population, and reduce the reliance on these services and ultimately on the Medicaid system.

Please allow your fellow committee members to vote on HB19, so they can vote the way their constituents would like, so that we can provide high quality behavior analytic services to all Pennsylvanians -- not just children -- but most importantly, allow All Pennsylvanians across their lifespan to increase their quality of life.

Sincerely (feel free to add personal story),

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