

AB 6 Proposed Letter 11-21-24

Good morning Chair Donate (**NOTE:** This is drafted with the Senate in mind; however, this bill will be introduced in the Assembly; further, it is anticipated that final Committee assignments will be released at the 12/19 Legislative Commission meeting),

We write today concerning the introduced language of AB 6. Our concerns at this time are twofold:

First, disabilities of all kinds are often considered for diagnosis later in life, and, thus, we respectfully request that the age cap of 13 years old in Section 1, subsection 1, be amended to lifelong.

Second, we would similarly propose that the Program be made mandatory, not optional, as proposed by Section 1, subsection 2.

In raising these concerns, we are more than willing to work with the Department's Fiscal Analysis Division to bring before you at a later time the proposed impact.

However, our concerns with the disability system do not end there. We further attach for your consideration additional proposed language related to both the Autism Treatment Assistance Program (ATAP) and the Autism Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,