

Senator Lee,

Thank you for your email and support for this bill!

While coverage across the lifespan is the enviable goal, getting SB 2190 through would be another substantive landmark.

We have also discussed focusing on pediatrics though. I do think having access to ABA therapy for North Dakotans birth to 21 (pediatrics) would provide early intervention to where intensive services at adulthood would not be as intensive.

However, if coverage through the lifespan for those diagnosed with ASD is the path we must take to reach the goal of ABA expansion across the lifespan for all, let's go for it!

I would also ask that we consider no longer mandate prior authorization for the assessment of medical necessity as this causes hardship and long delays for families to access services. Please consider.

Thank you, Sen Lee!

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