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TO: Parents of Children receiving services from [YOUR AGENCY]

RE: Request for Support Letters

We know you are very busy and for this reason we are reluctant to ask you to do more. But we ungently need your assistance.

A bill has been introduced into the California Senate that would create licensure for behavior analysts. This bill is called SB 479 and has been introduced by Senator Pat Bates of the 36th Senate district.

This bill would identify those professionals with the appropriate training, experience, and credentials to supervise ABA treatment programs like the ones provided at [YOUR AGENCY]. We are supporting this bill because a new state license would be based on certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). We at [YOUR AGENCY] support this bill and support this professional certification.

SB 479 will provide important consumer protections to your family by helping identify those individuals who have the foundational training needed to design and supervise ABA treatment programs.

We are asking that you consider writing a letter of support for SB 479. They should be sent to the Senate Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development where the bill will be heard on **April 27**. We are working with CalABA (California Association for Behavior Analysis - www.calaba.org) to get letters of support from parents like you. Sample letters and instructions are attached.

IMPORTANT: If you do not wish to write a letter of support, the services you receive from our agency will not be negatively affected in any way.

If you were able to write such a letter, it would help protect the field of behavior analysis and make ABA treatment more accessible for everyone who needs it. For this reason, we would greatly appreciate your help.

Please contact [YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION] or your child's supervisor if you have any questions.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.