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Subject: Support HB2956 - Procedures for Insurance Enforcement
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Dear Chair Barker and members of the House Committee on Business and Labor,

I'm writing in support of HB2956, because families need a trusted advocate against insurance company misconduct.

My family has struggled for years to get the insurance coverage we pay for and deserve for our autistic son. It is a David versus Goliath battle that no family should go through — especially when they're already confronting all the fear and uncertainty of an autism diagnosis. Their focus should be on getting immediate and time-critical care for their child, not fighting a seemingly endless battle against a corporate giant whose only interest is in their own bottom line.

Even after spending countless hours learning what my son is entitled to, and then finally winning an Independent Medical Review, my insurance company was still able to wear us down and terminate our years-long ABA therapist. Now my son goes without ABA therapy and suffers at school, backsliding socially and completely miserable about conflicts he no longer understands how to solve.

Please support HB2956, to direct the Insurance Commissioner to establish a formal complaints process, and to get consumer input on the enforcement process.

Thank you for your time,
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