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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2994

I am writing in support of HB 2994, in my capacity as a pediatric psychologist who works with many children with special health needs and their families on my own behalf (rather than for the organization with which I work). Hearing support is fundamental to ensuring that children have full access to their day-to-day experiences as possible, whether those be social, educational, familial, and so on. Not doing so creates risks for educational, emotional, and behavioral challenges that are likely preventable. Patients with chronic health conditions (including hearing loss) and their families experiences disproportionate expense to support their health, and I firmly believe any loopholes or barriers that result in increased expense for patients must be addressed so that patients can receive the appropriate care they need without fear of significant financial repercussions. I encourage you to support HB 2994.