

Dear Senator Hayden:

I write in support of SB 943 that will allow Doctors of Audiology to order medical imaging and blood work for their patients to lower costs and improve the timeliness of patient care. I am a Speech Language Pathologist specialized in helping students with hearing loss learn to listen with their hearing aids and cochlear implants. I work very closely with my students' Audiologists and know this bill will greatly improve timely care for the families I serve.

This bill will allow faster diagnosis and treatment of patients by allowing Doctors of Audiology to order appropriate diagnostic testing that will speed the process so that patients are not required to see a series of other specialists to do the work that an AuD could do. In terms of getting access to sound and learning to listen and access school curriculum, timely care is imperative, as young children are in a critical window for learning to listen with their devices. There is no one more well trained in supporting these children than Audiologists. In recognition of their skill and expertise, and to better serve patients, I ask you to support SB 943.

Sincerely,

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