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My husband and I adopted 9 'hard-to-place' children, almost all had ESD involvement for 504 or IEP supports, 1 son is a cerebral palsied person caused from his bio/mother doing crack cocaine and causing a CVA (stroke) in the womb, giving him serious disabilities for life. He and our Autistic son required a moderate to severe amount of supports in the classroom. With the element that these young men are of African American background they stood the risks of greater barriers to a safe and effective educational environment.

I do not support this bill to limit these services for our children in Oregon that need more intensive supports, not fewer.

Regards,
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