END THE WAITLISTS FOR IBI/ABA SERVICES NOW

To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

WHEREAS Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA) and Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) are the only recognized evidence-based practices known to treat Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and;

WHEREAS the combined number of children waiting for ABA and IBI therapies in Ontario is approximately 16,158 and;

WHEREAS estimates from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services for 2015 – 2016 indicate that only five more children are receiving IBI this year compared to last year and, shockingly, the number of children receiving ABA has dropped by almost 1,000 in the past two years – despite the fact that the waitlist is growing, and;

WHEREAS it is well known that early detection and early intervention is crucially important for children with ASD to learn to their fullest potential, and these programs set the stage for growth and development throughout children's lives and;

WHEREAS some families are being forced to remortgage houses or move to other provinces while other families have no option but to go without essential therapy and;

WHEREAS the Premier and her government should not be balancing the budget on the backs of kids with ASD and their families.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario to direct the government of Ontario immediately end the chronic waitlists for IBI/ABA services for kids with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

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