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Dear Senator Dr. Alan Bates and staff,

Today we had an interdisciplinary meeting to discuss issues related to SB696. We would like to submit to you the following meeting summary.

We agree that the Behavior Analysis Regulatory Board (BARB) will license behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts, and regulate the practice of applied behavior analysis by the board's licensees. Other licensed providers will be regulated by their respective boards, not the BARB. We agree that other health professionals will be reimbursed for use ABA techniques under the auspices of their own professional certifications or licenses and within the bounds of their training and competence according to existing mental health parity laws and the provisions of SB696, allowing consumers of ABA services greater access to a range of services.

We agree that the speech-language pathologist on the BARB should be replaced with a Licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst and that the public member should be replaced with a consumer of ABA services.

We agree that there should be a separate registry for "interventionists" similar to the structure of DHS or the child-care registry. This registry would be housed within the Oregon Health Authority's Health Licensing Office and will require that interventionists meet the following criteria:

- a. High school diploma or GED
- b. At least 18 years of age
- c. A federal and state criminal background check with fingerprinting
- d. Complete initial 40 hours of training in ABA to be determined by the Oregon Health Authority by administrative rule through the use of a Rules Advisory Committee
- e. Ongoing direct training and supervision by a licensed behavior analyst or other licensed health care professional

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