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Submitted via Email: Sen.DebPatterson@oregonlegislature.gov

Senator Deb Patterson, Chair
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: **SB 358 – SUPPORT As Amended**

Dear Chair Patterson:

I am writing on behalf of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), the world's largest organization treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and the nation's third largest non-governmental organization contributing to autism research. CARD provides services to thousands of individuals of all ages at more than 200 locations in 26 states, including 14 locations in Oregon.

Thank you for your responsiveness to our concerns about the earlier version of this bill. Given the amendment, which eliminates licensure of the Registered Behavior Analysis Interventionist, CARD is pleased to support SB 358. This bill contains several important provisions, including adding behavior analysts to the list of mandatory reporters of child abuse, prohibiting behavior analysts from practicing gay conversion therapy, and requiring behavior analysts to report criminal convictions and unprofessional conduct.

Thank you for your commitment to the safety of the Oregonians we serve. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please consider me a highly accessible resource for your staff and you. I can be reached via email at J.Kornack@centerforautism.com or directly at (818) 345-2345, extension 1070.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Senator Tim Knopp, Vice Chair
Senator Lee Beyer
Senator Dallas Heard
Senator James Manning