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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure: HB2895

Dear friends my grandson was referred for speech therapy by his pre-K teacher in September 2022 at the beginning of the school year. Due to staffing shortages, he was not scheduled for his language evaluation until March 17 2023. We hope his speech therapy services will start by the end of this school year and continue into next year and for as long as needed. He has no other disabilities. Getting the right help at the right time reduces his risk for difficulty with reading, poor self esteem and socialization, and behavior problems and could

Have life long consequences. Please vote in favor of HB 2895 and support our children. They are our greatest asset! Thank you.