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RE: AUTISM Educator's Act, H. R. 5195

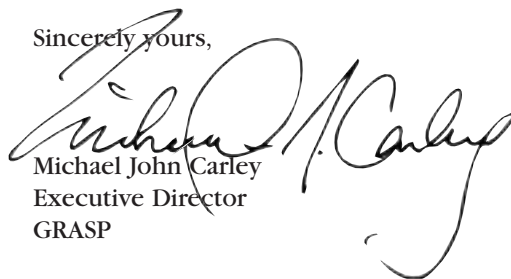
To whom . . . :

As the world's largest organization of adults who themselves are diagnosed along the autism spectrum, GRASP writes in order to fully support H. R. 5195.

Many general education teachers do not have the necessary skill sets to teach the growing number of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in their classrooms. The AUTISM Educator's Act will create a pilot program to help school districts across the country improve training for teachers in general education classrooms who work with students with ASD. The training will be directed towards the effective implementation of evidence-based practices with proven track records of success through partnerships with institutions of higher education. Having more informed and well-trained general education teachers and paraprofessionals will undoubtedly improve academic and behavioral outcomes, not only students with ASD, but also for many other children.

We hope you too will support this bill.

Sincerely yours,



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