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Four More Days Left!

Dear Friends,

A thousand thanks - literally - to the over 1,000 of you who've emailed Assembly Speaker John Perez asking him to allow a vote on the bill to require insurers to cover autism behavioral therapy.

We have four more days to convince Speaker Perez to act. The Legislature adjourns for the year at the end of the day this Friday.

If you haven't emailed Mr. Perez yet, please do it now. Click on "Take Action" (upper left). That will take you to an Arc page where you'll see the same Action Alert you're reading now. Then scroll down to the bottom of that page to fill in the information to send the email.

Whether or not you're already emailed him, also please forward this Action Alert to anyone you know who might be willing to take the 45 seconds to help.

The bill will help the entire developmental disability community, not just people with autism spectrum disorder and their families. It will save the state conservatively hundreds of millions of dollars that the state now pays for this therapy, and it will relieve some of the pressure to make still more cuts in community services next year.

Senator Darrell Steinberg, the bill's author, is continuing to try to convince Mr. Perez to release the bill. So are the autism groups, the bill's sponsors, and The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy, who are supporting them. And we need more help from the entire community.

Thank you for your advocacy.

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PS. As always, please accept my sincerely apology if our email system added your name to this list against your wishes. If you don't want to get these Action Alerts from me and The Arc of the US, please just scroll down to the bottom and click to be removed.

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