

**PETITION**  
**TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

Whereas children suffering from an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) are among the weakest and most vulnerable sector of Canadian society;

and whereas, in Canada the rate of children being diagnosed with ASD is high and increasing at an alarming rate (currently approximately 1 child in 195);

and whereas, until the cause and cure of autism are found, children suffering from autism can benefit from the provision of Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) therapy treatment based on the principles of Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA);

and whereas, for a variety of reasons including lack of assigned resources, unconscionable waiting lists, and delegation to Ministries with little or no expertise, the provision of IBI/ABA therapy treatment to children with autism is woefully inadequate;

Therefore, your petitioners call upon Parliament to

1) amend the *Canada Health Act* and corresponding *Regulations* to include IBI/ABA therapy for children with autism as a medically necessary treatment and require that all Provinces provide or fund this essential treatment for autism; and

2) contribute to the creation of academic chairs at a university in each province to teach IBI/ABA treatment at the undergraduate and doctoral level so that Canadians professionals will no longer be forced to leave the country to receive academic training in this field and so that Canada will be able to develop the capacity to provide every Canadian with autism with the best IBI/ABA treatment available.

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**Note:** Minimum 25 signatures required. Signatures and addresses must be included and must be handwritten and originals - no erasures. The subject matter must be shown on each attached sheet of signatures and addresses.  
**Return (postage free) to:** Your M.P., House of Commons, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa ON K1A 0A6.