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The Honorable [Sandra Moore]
Florida House of Representatives
House Office Bldg. [XYZ]
Tallahassee, FL

Dear Representative [Moore],

[I am writing to you about my beautiful 16-year-old daughter, Ashley, who has autism. Specifically, I am writing in regard to the funding for the Florida Positive Behavior Support Project (FLPBS) at the University of South Florida and the needs of students with challenging behavior. As a result of my daughter's disability, my family and I have needed assistance with helping Ashley through some difficult times at school. Without the training and technical assistance provided by this project, my daughter would have dropped out of school.

In the United States, 1 in 88 people have autism. In Florida it is estimated to be 100,000 constituents. I urge you to please support continued funding for the services provided by FLPBS commensurate with the rapid growth rate of individuals diagnosed with developmental disabilities in our state.

Please remember individuals with autism and their families are your constituents and they need your consideration and support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your mailing address]

[Your telephone]

[Your email]