

February 29, 2012

Dear Senator Richardville.

**I am writing you this email to let you know that I strongly disagree with SB 981.
I am not able to be at the hearing tomorrow.**

Why should public funding be used to "encourage" the private sector insurance companies to cover a disease which when untreated often leads to tremendous future social costs?

I fear that the money to pay for the incentives will be siphoned from other programs already in place.

I applaud the efforts of the committee in recognizing the need for insurance coverage for people afflicted with autism.

I am the father of a young man with autism, who would have benefited tremendously from therapies which were excluded from coverage because of his diagnosis.

Please do not rob Peter to pay Paul.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Sincerely,
Jeff Weger**

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