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## ***Petition to Reverse Changes to IBI Therapy for Children with Autism 5 Years and Older***

### **To the Legislative Assembly of Ontario:**

**Whereas:** The Minister of Children and Youth Services announced on March 29<sup>th</sup> that children with Autism over five years old will be ineligible to receive Intensive Behavioural Intervention (IBI) therapy; and

**Whereas:** In 2014-2015 there were 16,158 children with Autism on the waitlist for IBI and Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) therapy; and

**Whereas:** Approximately 3,500 children with Autism that are on the waitlist or currently receiving therapy in Ontario will be ineligible to receive IBI therapy as a result of the Minister’s decision; and

**Whereas:** Children over the age of five still respond to therapy and IBI remains their best shot at learning to communicate with the world around them and developing a degree of independence.

**Therefore:** We the undersigned, petition the Legislative Assembly as follows: That the Minister of Children and Youth Services reverse her decision and allow children over five years old to access IBI therapy.

Name (Printed)	Mailing Address	Email	Signature

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