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Representative Kiegerl and members of the Children and Families Committee:

My 10 year old son has autism and Fragile X Syndrome and attends Wanamaker Elementary School. Last year due to an escalation of his negative behaviors, a functional behavior assessment was performed and a Positive Behavior Support Plan was developed for him that included parent input and agreement. A new Special Education teacher that was experienced and competent in this area was assigned to him. His Special Education teacher communicates daily with me and we meet monthly to discuss how he is doing at school. She keeps data on his negative behaviors, is to follow the Kansas State guidelines and the school district's guidelines for seclusion and restraint and is responsible for training all school personnel that work with him. I support the passage of HB 2444. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important matter.

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