



NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT

Speak up ABA! You can help without a trip to Albany!

We are continuing our efforts to send a STRONG and UNIFIED message to our representatives that the restriction on the scope of practice of Behavior Analysts in New York to autism needs to be lifted. Our goal is to get the bills ([S4599](#) and [A7632](#)) to the floor for a vote in the 2018 session, which runs only through June.

We need your support!

Now is the time to make your voice heard!

This is How YOU Can Help:

Before You Start:

1. Make a list of persons you know that live in New York who might be or have been impacted, share with them the information for advocating for removal of the scope restriction, or have them contact us at nysabalegislativ@gmail.com to get on our mailing list.
2. Make a list of personal contacts that live in New York who care about why this scope restriction might be a problem for you and who would be willing to advocate for the removal. Share with them the information for advocating for removal of the scope restriction or have them contact us at nysabalegislativ@gmail.com to get on our mailing list.
3. Try to identify folks who live in districts where we do not yet have support (See [Gaps in Constituent Support](#)). It is important that we reach as many legislators as possible from across New York.
4. Families who are impacted by the scope restriction are MOST IMPACTFUL. Contact all the families you know that you would be comfortable contacting and any groups with which you are affiliated (e.g. parent groups and listservs). Provide them with the information for advocating and/or put them in contact with us at nysabalegislativ@gmail.com to get on our mailing list.

Accomplish the Following Action Items:

1. Our recent experience demonstrated shows that face-to-face meetings are the most effective way to provide a legislator with the critical information and to obtain a commitment to help remove the scope restriction. To do this, make an appointment with your representatives at their local office. Be persistent. If they do not have a time in the near future, call again.
2. Ask your **colleagues, consumers, friends, neighbors, and family members** to do the same.
3. If you can't get a meeting with your representative... meet with an aide or advisor to your representative.
4. If you can't get a face to face meeting...ask for a phone meeting.
5. If you can't get a phone meeting... keep sending letters via email and snail mail to your local office and their Albany office.
6. *Keep calling* until your representatives are signed on as **co-sponsors**.
7. Ask questions and report progress to nysabalegislativ@gmail.com

Helpful Links

[2018 NYS Legislative Session Calendar](#)

[FIND MY SENATOR](#)

[FIND MY ASSEMBLY MEMBER](#)

[Legislative Committee's presentation at the 2017 NYSABA Conference](#)

[Self-management plan for contacting legislators](#)

[Task analysis for contacting legislators](#)

[Example script of what to say to your legislators](#)

[Template letter](#)

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