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Dear Advocates & Friends-

As you probably know, I am committed to providing appropriate services for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities. Many of these individuals are also receiving mental health services by means of AB 3632 funding. Therefore, I am very disappointed at the Governor's heartless line-item veto of this program.

I am committed to working with the Legislature and the new governor to restore funding for this critical program as a first order of business after the new Legislature and Governor are sworn in. Part of that effort is to educate the media and the public about the importance of this program to working families. You can help us in that regard.

I am establishing a page on my State Senate website to coordinate our efforts to restore this important program. I would like to post real-life examples of why these cuts are unacceptable. If you are willing to be part of this vital effort, please email us your personal story about this issue to Nathan Barankin (nathan.barankin@sen.ca.gov) or by fax (916 327-8867.) Also, include your approval that we can share your story with the media and/or post it on the website. We can remove your name from the story if you prefer to remain anonymous.

Sincerely,

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