

Senate Education Committee
April 7, 2009 Public Hearing
81st Legislative Session

Senators,

I am a taxpayer and a father to a son in the Autism spectrum. I thank you for this public hearing on many bills that address particular needs in the Autism spectrum and to all families with Special Needs. I am in favor of many of the Bills authored by Senator Tommy Williams, Senator Shapiro, Senator Watson and Senator Zaffarini. There are so many bills that it is hard to testify.

I would like however to share a concern that points out why I think parents must be supported and given more options and programs in addressing their children's special needs.

As a father to a son in the Autism spectrum, I am keenly aware of how our families are doing in public schools. Unfortunately, this is true for some of our families in Texas.

1. Some families leave public schools, because they can not overcome the lack of services or receive a productive school setting. Our families are knowledgeable of the fact that "For Profit" attorneys will close the door on our pleas if we persist in seeking a Free and Appropriate Public Education <FAPE>.
2. Families, who leave public school either home-school, move to a new house, use TXVA or pay for private schools. TXVA is a wonderful option for Special Need families.
3. Families, who go to private schools, go there because the educational programs and setting helps their children grow and learn. These families incur debt and receive no money from the public schools. They are taking on debt knowing that educational services NOW are critical to gaining better life-skills for the future. My opinion is that as a taxpayer these Special Need families should receive tax money for their children. Thus, I am in favor of scholarships and options for families where public schools struggle and can't provide the needed service.
4. Lastly, I would like to share facts I learned when checking into the litigation barriers that are thrown at our families. This has been going on for years in Texas – the Yeaman family in Dripping Springs <Austin area> around 2001 lost in Due Process and Dripping Springs ISD spent close to half-a-million dollars to defeat their requests for their son dealing with Autism.

Forward to 2009, El Paso ISD spends over a two year period close to a million dollars in litigation fees against Special Needs families. Mansfield ISD spends

close to \$200,000 and in our Dallas-Fort Worth area Richardson ISD and Denton ISD spend respectively over \$100,000 and \$75,000 to defeat families seeking options and programs for their children. I have attached a portion of invoice copies to show the breadth of how often Special Need families suffer. There are no Special Need families that can afford justice when ISDs use these treasure chest deep tax dollars against us.

I close by saying that our families are aware of Attorneys like Mr. Chris Borreca and Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Aldridge and Gallegos who will testify before this Senate and say the problem is not significant. However, Mr. Borreca's legal firm is profitable and expanding and is paid by our taxes. WABAG, previously WABSA, has legal relationships with hundreds of ISDs offering their services and denying our family options. WE are only advocating for our children and their future. I know that our legislators, Senators and House Representatives, are the only hope we have to change the present system. I ask that you help our families in every possible way by providing options and programs and empowering parents who seek the best for their children. Texans Special Need families should receive money; taxes should NOT go into the pocket of "for profit" attorneys.

I thank you for this opportunity to testify on Special Education matters for Texas families.

Sincerely,

Mark Colditz
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Asperger son in the Autism spectrum

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September 01, 2006
Client: 08120
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Attention: Carol Powell, Absorbix Superintendent

For Professional Services Rendered Through August 15, 2006

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Matter No.	Matter Name	Invoice	Amount	Prev. Balance	Items	Credits	Total
000000	General	260380	\$129.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)		\$129.00
000014	Forms Review 2006	260381	\$6,578.05	\$0.00	(\$0.00)		\$6,578.05
000015	[REDACTED]	260382	[REDACTED]				
000016	[REDACTED] (Mediation)	260383	\$345.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)		\$345.00
000017	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	260384	\$129.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)		\$129.00

EXCESS AMOUNT [REDACTED]

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October 10, 2006
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For Professional Services Rendered Through September 15, 2006

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Matter	Matter Name	Invoice	Amount	Prev. Balance	Debit/Credit	Total
000000	General	263056	\$484.40	\$129.00	(\$129.00)	\$484.40
000013	7-27-28-06 & 8-4-06 Inservices (E	263057	\$0.00	\$5,750.00	(\$5,750.00)	\$0.00
000014	Forms Review 2006	263058	\$0.00	\$6,578.05	(\$6,578.05)	\$0.00
000015	[REDACTED]	263059	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
000016	[REDACTED] (Mediation)	263060	\$0.00	\$345.00	(\$345.00)	\$0.00
000017	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	263061	\$5,115.53	\$129.00	(\$129.00)	\$5,115.53
000018	[REDACTED] (DPH II)	263062	\$7,502.47	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$7,502.47
000019	[REDACTED] (DPH)	263063	\$10,116.54	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$10,116.54
000020	[REDACTED]	263064	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
000021	[REDACTED]	263065	\$2,046.80	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,046.80
000022	[REDACTED]	263066	\$1,247.30	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,247.30
000023	[REDACTED] (DPH)	263067	\$1,543.29	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,543.29

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November 01, 2006
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Attention: Carol Powell, Associate Superintendent

For Professional Services Rendered Through October 15, 2006

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Invoice #	Invoice Name	Invoice #	Original Inv.	Prev. Balance	Pmts./Credits	Total
000000	General	263407	\$4,146.59	\$484.40	(\$0.00)	\$4,630.99
000014	Forms Review 2006	263408	\$1,182.50	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,182.50
000018	(DPH II)	263409	\$2,539.05	\$7,502.47	(\$0.00)	\$10,041.52
000019	(DPH)	263410	\$15,732.13	\$10,116.54	(\$0.00)	\$25,848.67
000022	(DPH)	263411	\$2,015.16	\$1,247.30	(\$0.00)	\$3,262.46
000023	(DPH)	263412	\$12,615.19	\$1,543.29	(\$0.00)	\$14,158.48
000026	(DPH)	263414	\$7,824.39	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$7,824.39
000027	(Complaints)	263415	\$648.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$648.00
000028	(DPH)	263416	\$826.76	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$826.76
000029	(DPH)	263417	\$1,541.17	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,541.17

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December 01, 2006
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For Professional Services Rendered Through November 15, 2006

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Matr	Matr Name	Invoice	Current	Unrev Balance	Rev & Credits	Total
000000	General	265147	\$1,808.55	\$4,146.59	(\$0.00)	\$5,955.14
000014	Forms Review 2006	265148	\$2,404.10	\$1,182.50	(\$0.00)	\$3,586.60
000015	████████████████████	265149	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
000017	██████ (Post DPH)	265150	\$0.00	\$5,115.53	(\$5,115.53)	\$0.00
000018	██████ (DPH II)	265151	\$515.75	\$10,041.52	(\$7,502.47)	\$3,054.80
000019	██████ (DPH)	265152	\$446.41	\$25,848.67	(\$10,116.54)	\$16,178.54
000020	████████████████████	265153	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████	████████████████████
000021	██████	265154	\$0.00	\$2,046.80	(\$2,046.80)	\$0.00
000022	██████	265155	\$183.50	\$3,262.46	(\$1,247.30)	\$2,198.66
000023	██████ (DPH)	265156	\$9,614.17	\$14,158.48	(\$0.00)	\$23,772.65
000024	Student Discipline Survival Kit	265157	\$0.00	\$750.00	(\$750.00)	\$0.00
000025	Multi-Hearing Issues	265158	\$5,572.18	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$5,572.18
000026	██████ (DPH)	265159	\$14,697.55	\$7,824.39	(\$0.00)	\$22,521.94
000027	██████ (Complaints)	265160	\$193.22	\$648.00	(\$0.00)	\$841.22
000029	██████	265161	\$58.86	\$1,541.17	(\$0.00)	\$1,600.03
000030	██████ (DPH)	265162	\$2,039.63	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,039.63
000031	██████ DPH III	265163	\$1,889.12	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,889.12
000032	██████ (Post DPH)	265164	\$1,931.43	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,931.43
000034	██████ (DPH)	265165	\$2,782.86	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,782.86
000035	████████████████████	265166	\$558.23	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$558.23
000036	████████████████████	265167	\$1,453.64	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,453.64
000037	██████ (DPH)	265168	\$4,466.36	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$4,466.36

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January 02, 2007
Client: 08120
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Attention: Carol Powell, Associate Superintendent

For Professional Services Rendered Through December 15, 2006

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Invoice #	Client Name	Invoice #	Current Inv.	Prev. Balance	Emts. & Credits	Total
000000	General	266749	\$496.00	\$5,955.14	(\$5,955.14)	\$496.00
000014	Forms Review 2006	266750	\$2,042.50	\$3,586.60	(\$3,586.60)	\$2,042.50
000018	[REDACTED] (DPH II)	266751	\$0.00	\$3,054.80	(\$3,054.80)	\$0.00
000019	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266752	\$172.12	\$16,178.54	(\$16,178.54)	\$172.12
000022	[REDACTED]	266753	\$0.00	\$2,198.66	(\$2,198.66)	\$0.00
000023	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266754	\$7,255.64	\$23,772.65	(\$23,772.65)	\$7,255.64
000025	Multi-Hearing Issues	266755	\$0.00	\$5,572.18	(\$5,572.18)	\$0.00
000026	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266756	\$6,441.62	\$22,521.94	(\$22,521.94)	\$6,441.62
000027	[REDACTED] (Complaints)	266757	\$236.50	\$841.22	(\$841.22)	\$236.50
000028	[REDACTED]	266758	\$0.00	\$826.76	(\$826.76)	\$0.00
000029	[REDACTED]	266759	\$573.58	\$1,600.03	(\$1,600.03)	\$573.58
000030	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266760	\$0.00	\$2,039.63	(\$2,039.63)	\$0.00
000031	[REDACTED] DPH III	266761	\$6,147.70	\$1,889.12	(\$1,889.12)	\$6,147.70
000032	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	266762	\$5,610.83	\$1,931.43	(\$1,931.43)	\$5,610.83
000034	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266763	\$94.82	\$2,782.86	(\$2,782.86)	\$94.82
000035	[REDACTED]	266764	\$0.00	\$558.23	(\$558.23)	\$0.00
000036	[REDACTED]	266765	\$228.36	\$1,453.64	(\$1,453.64)	\$228.36
000037	[REDACTED] (DPH)	266766	\$11,056.05	\$4,466.36	(\$4,466.36)	\$11,056.05
000039	[REDACTED]	266767	\$590.16	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$590.16

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February 01, 2007
Client: 08120
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Attention: Carol Rowell, Associate Superintendent

For Professional Services Rendered Through January 15, 2007

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Invoice #	Main Name	Invoice #	Current Inv.	Pre. Balance	Payments/Credits	Total
000000	General	268390	\$1,992.00	\$496.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,488.00
000014	Forms Review 2006	268391	\$1,368.25	\$2,042.50	(\$0.00)	\$3,410.75
000023	██████ (DPH)	268392	\$928.45	\$7,255.84	(\$0.00)	\$8,184.09
000025	Multi-Hearing Issues	268393	\$815.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$815.00
000026	██████ (DPH)	268394	\$54.00	\$6,441.62	(\$0.00)	\$6,495.62
000028	██████████████	268395	\$585.33	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$585.33
000029	██████	268396	\$1,469.97	\$573.58	(\$0.00)	\$2,043.55
000031	██████ DPH III	268397	\$476.15	\$6,147.70	(\$0.00)	\$6,623.85
000032	██████ (Post DPH)	268398	\$1,814.40	\$5,610.83	(\$0.00)	\$7,425.23
000037	██████ (DPH)	268399	\$15,972.15	\$11,056.05	(\$0.00)	\$27,028.20
000041	██████	268400	\$2,751.59	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,751.59
000042	██████ (Post DPH)	268401	\$2,797.39	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$2,797.39
000047	██████████████████	268402	\$571.94	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$571.94
000048	1-4 & 5-07 Inservice (EMG)	268403	\$3,984.57	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$3,984.57
000050	██████	268404	\$1,530.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,530.00
000051	██████ (DPH)	268405	\$1,297.42	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,297.42

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March 01, 2007
Client: 08120
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Attention: ~~Carol Kowal, Associate Superintendent~~

For Professional Services Rendered Through February 15, 2007

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Invoice	Client Name	Invoice	Current Inv.	Prev. Bal.	Pmts. & Credits	Total
000000	General	270766	\$1,111.98	\$2,488.00	(\$2,488.00)	\$1,111.98
000014	Forms Review 2006	270767	\$234.00	\$3,410.75	(\$3,410.75)	\$234.00
000019	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270768	\$0.00	\$172.12	(\$172.12)	\$0.00
000023	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270769	\$0.00	\$8,184.09	(\$8,184.09)	\$0.00
000025	Multi-Hearing Issues	270770	\$0.00	\$815.00	(\$815.00)	\$0.00
000026	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270771	\$851.00	\$6,495.62	(\$6,495.62)	\$851.00
000027	[REDACTED] (Complaints)	270772	\$253.00	\$236.50	(\$236.50)	\$253.00
000028	[REDACTED]	270773	\$144.00	\$585.33	(\$585.33)	\$144.00
000029	[REDACTED]	270774	\$817.00	\$2,043.55	(\$2,043.55)	\$817.00
000031	[REDACTED] DPH III	270775	\$0.00	\$6,623.85	(\$6,623.85)	\$0.00
000032	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	270776	\$0.00	\$7,425.23	(\$7,425.23)	\$0.00
000034	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270777	\$0.00	\$94.82	(\$94.82)	\$0.00
000035	[REDACTED]	270778	\$486.22	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$486.22
000036	[REDACTED]	270779	\$54.00	\$228.36	(\$228.36)	\$54.00
000037	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270780	\$1,987.93	\$27,028.20	(\$27,028.20)	\$1,987.93
000039	[REDACTED]	270781	\$0.00	\$590.16	(\$590.16)	\$0.00
000041	[REDACTED]	270782	\$0.00	\$2,879.05	(\$2,879.05)	\$0.00
000042	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	270783	\$3,783.77	\$2,887.73	(\$2,887.73)	\$3,783.77
000047	[REDACTED]	270784	\$917.54	\$571.94	(\$571.94)	\$917.54
000049	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	270785	\$3,403.73	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$3,403.73
000050	[REDACTED]	270786	\$0.00	\$1,579.50	(\$1,579.50)	\$0.00
000051	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270787	\$70.50	\$1,308.56	(\$1,308.56)	\$70.50
000052	[REDACTED] (DPH)	270788	\$8,379.93	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$8,379.93
000054	[REDACTED] (DPH II)	270789	\$1,327.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,327.00

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March 01, 2007
Client: 08120
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Attention: Carol Powell, Associate Superintendent

For Professional Services Rendered Through February 15, 2007

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Invoice	Invoice Name	Invoice	Current Inv.	Prev. Balance	Payments/Credits	Total
000056	(DPH)	270791	\$8,073.83	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$8,073.83
000057	(District's DPH)	270792	\$1,429.50	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,429.50
000058	(DPH VI)	270793	\$913.91	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$913.91
000059	(DPH VII)	270794	\$145.14	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$145.14
000061	(DPH VIII)	270795	\$90.00	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$90.00

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April 02, 2007
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For Professional Services Rendered Through March 15, 2007

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

Matter No.	Matter Name	Invoices	Current Inv.	Unrev. Balances	Pmts. & Credits	Total
000000	General	271602	\$2,329.55	\$1,111.98	(\$0.00)	\$3,441.53
000014	Forms Review 2006	271603	\$180.00	\$234.00	(\$0.00)	\$414.00
000029	[REDACTED]	271604	\$1,026.08	\$817.00	(\$0.00)	\$1,843.08
000042	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	271605	\$747.14	\$3,783.77	(\$0.00)	\$4,530.91
000047	[REDACTED]	271606	\$486.00	\$917.54	(\$0.00)	\$1,403.54
000049	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	271607	\$2,549.45	\$3,403.73	(\$0.00)	\$5,953.18
000052	[REDACTED] (DPH)	271608	\$7,064.67	\$8,379.93	(\$0.00)	\$15,444.60
000055	[REDACTED] (Post DPH)	271609	\$3,792.73	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$3,792.73
000056	[REDACTED] (DPH)	271610	\$6,749.40	\$8,073.83	(\$0.00)	\$14,823.23
000057	[REDACTED] (District's DPH)	271611	\$8,093.79	\$1,429.50	(\$0.00)	\$9,523.29
000060	[REDACTED] (DPH)	271612	\$15,770.13	\$0.00	(\$0.00)	\$15,770.13
000061	[REDACTED] (DPH VIII)	271613	\$5,067.88	\$90.00	(\$0.00)	\$5,157.88

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