



Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

By Hon. Senator Mac Harb

At a time when health care is at the forefront of public policy discussions, it is crucial that we ensure that the needs of one out of every 200 Canadian children diagnosed with Autism are taken into consideration. Thousands of children now sit on waiting lists for treatment, despite the fact that early intervention is an essential component of the treatment. Delays in treatment also result in exponential cost increases down the road.

That is why I join with those calling upon the Government of Canada to amend the Canada Health Act to include IBI/ABA therapy for people with autism as a medically necessary treatment for our children.