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Senator Chris Van Hollen
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Senator Pat Roberts
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Dear Senators Casey, Moran, Van Hollen, and Roberts,

The Autism Society of America writes to thank you for introducing the ABLE Age Adjustment Act (S. 651). The ABLE Age Adjustment Act works to extend the upper age limit for eligibility for ABLE accounts from 26 to 46 years old. This bill allows more people to increase their assets and become more economically self-sufficient while protecting eligibility for federal income supports and health care.

Recently, the National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) released data showing that in order for ABLE to continue, the number of funded ABLE accounts needs to increase from 17,000 to 390,000 by the year 2021. This bill will expand the number of people with autism and other disabilities who are able to save resources for disability-related expenses and help to ensure the program’s continued viability.

We thank you for your longstanding commitment to promoting community living for people with disabilities and look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Thank you again for the introduction of this bill. Please contact Kim Musheno, Vice President of Public Policy at the Autism Society of America (kmusheno@autism-society.org or 800-328-8476) for more information and assistance.

Sincerely,

Scott Badesch, CEO