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Subject line: Request for amendments to Getting the NDIS Back On Track bill

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Dear <Mr/Mrs/Ms MP Surname>/ Mr Sukkar,

As one of your local constituents, I am writing to urge you to request critical amendments to The Federal Government's *Getting the NDIS Back on Track* bill.

While I support moves to combat NDIS fraud, I am also deeply concerned about the **risks the bill poses to profoundly autistic pre-school aged children** who are recommended intensive early intervention. <If appropriate, add a sentence about why this affects your family/how intensive early intervention affected your child's trajectory.>

Securing funding for intensive early intervention is already challenging, with majority of families having to fight their case through the NDIS review and appeals process.

Under the proposed legislation, the NDIA will have even greater power to impose restrictions on funding, choice, and control on participants during the review and appeals process.

With the review and appeals process taking up to 18 months, this will have a devastating impact on children and families, forcing them to stay in ineffective services — and miss out on a critical window of learning.

Suggested amendments

To protect vulnerable children, amendments to the proposed bill must be made to ensure they do not lose their opportunity for genuine, effective early intervention. Greater protections could be achieved by:

1. Amending the bill to ensure that all decisions that impact a child's plan are legislated as reviewable decisions.
2. Amending the bill to ensure that plan restrictions are not applied to the plans of children in the early intervention stream, provided families can prove that funds are being used to access evidence-based early intervention.

As your constituent, I urge you to consider these amendments so that some of the most vulnerable autistic children in Australia are not left behind.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Yours sincerely,

<Insert your first name and surname