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Thomas P. Gaffey, Co-Chair  
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Education Committee  
Room 3100, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Regarding Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7**

An act requiring School Districts to utilize Board Certified Behavior Analysts when an individual education plan includes applied behavior analytic services as part of a student's special education

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the parent of an eleven year old boy severely impaired by autism and am in support of Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7. I support this bill because I believe it is necessary to ensure that children with autism have access to free and appropriate education delivered by qualified individuals.

The State of Connecticut should require proof of certification (i.e. proper training and maintenance of those skills) for behavior analysts, as it already does of behavior analysts employed by the Connecticut Birth to Three system. Every other professional discipline, such as occupational therapists, physical therapists and speech pathologists, that work with children with special needs must have a valid license or certification.

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