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Education Committee,

I am writing in regards to the Raised Bill 6666. As the director of a day care facility, I believe it is important to pass this bill.

I support the proposal and believe this will be very beneficial for our children to profit from the knowledge and understanding of a BCBA. As the director of a day care facility we provide care and learning for children and sometimes that includes those who have special needs. Although we consult with birth to three, it often occurs that they do not have staff that specialize in behavior modification. I have been the director of Duck Pond Day Care in Hamden for the several years, and have provided for a number of children with special needs. With the proposed bill, it will give our children an opportunity to develop and learn to the best of their ability. With the aid of a certified behavior analyst, this will offer children the necessity to receive the early intervention they deserve. Early intervention is a critical component to a child's development and growth. With the proper tools and teaching they will be given an adequate chance to strive in society. As a provider, I believe my role is to do the best for our children that I can offer. If this bill is passed, it will give our children an opportunity to benefit from the knowledge of a certified behavior analyst and help them to develop. When a child is given the opportunity to develop, the possibilities are endless. If a BCBA is provided to those in need, that is exactly what we are giving to them, a chance. From the time that a child is born into this world, we try to teach them and develop their skills, why wouldn't we want to provide all children with the best chance of learning, which would include the components that a BCBA could provide. No two children are the same but all children deserve to be given an equal chance to develop accordingly.

**I support Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7**



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