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

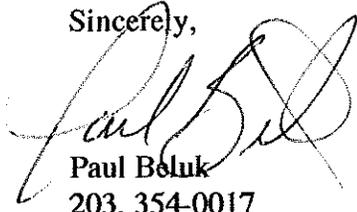
An act requiring School Districts to utilize Board Certified Behavior Analysts when an individual education plan includes applied behavior analytic services as part of a students special education.

Dear Bob,

As you know I am very passionate about this topic and know many families who have children with autism. After the Spectrum Kids program was brought to light by concerned parents in Norwalk I had a chance to speak with you about my concerns. Stacy Lore of Spectrum Kids, LLC, was running a program for children with autism who we have reason to believe did not possess the training or credentials she claimed. She was paid hundreds of thousands of dollars by both school districts and parents, which amplified this statewide problem. It has been reported that Ms. Lore / Spectrum Kids have been working in at least 6 school districts within this state providing what appears to be pseudo services to potentially dozens of children.

This situation is emblematic of a much larger problem because school districts do not have a mechanism in place for vetting potential employees or behavior analytic consultants, as is the standard practice for other related service providers such as occupational therapists or speech pathologists. We would not expect a teacher in the public school system to educate without the proper credentials so why would we allow a child with autism to be instructed by non-certified behavior analysts. **I am in support of Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7.** I support this bill because it is necessary to ensure that children with autism receive a free and appropriate education implemented by qualified personal and I hope you too Bob will get behind this bill with your support so that no child is left behind.

Sincerely,



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