

Madam Chair / Mr. Chairman

And members of the committee

My name is

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**I am here Regarding Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7**

**I support this bill because I know so many families with children with autism.**

This bill would require all School Districts in Connecticut to utilize Board Certified Behavior Analysts when an individual education plan / IEP includes applied behavior analysis services as part of a student's special education plan.

When a child's 504 plan or IEP is determined that the child needs a speech pathologist or a clinical social worker both of these professionals would have to be certified to see this child. Presently, There is no mandate of certification for Applied Behavior Analysts. There is no monitoring of those who work with some of our most disabled students. Children with autism need our help to insure them an education and a voice to fight for them.

I am in complete support of Bill #6666, Section 7