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Sent: Friday, March 20, 2009 1:52 PM
To: Friis, John
Cc: Roy19@aol.com
Subject: House Bill 6666 Section 7

Dear Mr. Friis,

I am writing this note in support of House Bill 6666 Section 7 which is in reference to coverage for Board Certified Behavior Analyst services for Children with Autism.

I teach in the Department of Special Education at Central Connecticut State University and I teach a course on Autism. Applied Behavior Analysis is the only approach to positive behavior intervention that is able to significantly document successes in working with children with autism. This process is a systematic approach, is highly structured, and based on rigorous data collection and analysis. In the world of structured and effective educational approaches, "if there are no data then it didn't happen." Applied Behavior Analysis requires a highly structured approach that is grounded in the collection and analysis of data. Board Certified ABA Therapists have the training to provide a high level of structured services.

Thank you for taking the time to read my note.

Sincerely,

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