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Testimony in support of HB 5425 Section 2

My name is Meaghan Damato and I am a Speech/Language Pathologist in a CT public school. I am currently enrolled in coursework online to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. The courses are accessible, affordable and high quality. In combination with my supervision from a BCBA and this coursework, I have already been able to apply strategies to my daily speech and language therapy session.

It is critical to note that my training as a Speech Language Pathologist did not prepare me to implement, design or suggest behavior intervention plans as designated by a planning and placement team. To ensure the highest level of efficacy that the children of the state of CT deserve, it is imperative that a BCBA or BACBA create and execute behavioral strategies.